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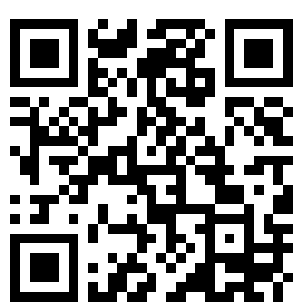

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MEMORANDA.

The following retires on retired pay :—Col. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.-Gen. (dated 5th January).

TERRITORIAL DECORATION.

The King has conferred the Territorial Decoration upon the following Officers under the terms of the Royal Warrant dated 13th October, 1920 :—

6th Batt. North. Fusrs.—Major A. D. S. Rogers, Capt. A. Temperley, D.S.O. (retired).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. H. O. Sutherland is seconded for service as an Instructor, Small Arms School (dated 8th December, 1923).

Capt. C. E. Hamilton is seconded for service under the Colonial Office (dated 12th December, 1923).

Lieut. R. Edgeworth-Johnstone is restored to the establishment (dated 8th November, 1923).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

5th Batt.—Capt. R. H. Rooksby, from T.A. Reserve, to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 1st November, 1923), and relinquishes rank of Capt. Capt. S. Moffett, M.C., resigns his commission (dated 5th January, 1924) and is granted the rank of Major. Lieut. N. Heslop to be Capt. (dated 6th January, 1924).

7th Batt.—Major G. McK. Jobling, T.D., is retired on account of ill-health (dated 16th May, 1923), and retains the rank of Major.

GENERAL LIST.

Lieut. M. R. Hull (late North. Fusrs.) to be Lieut., with precedence as from 1st February, 1922, for service with Bloxham School Contingent Jun. Div., O.T.C. (dated 10th December, 1923).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,

January, 1924.

If any of the readers of these lucubrations has some optimism to spare either as a free gift or in exchange for a pair of part worn Service dress trousers and a bucket of Bricketts let him send it the Editor to be forwarded. We are greatly in need of optimism. Here's leave stopped by the railway strike—and a change of masters at Home, and according to the papers a blockade of the British Zone by the Regie Authorities. We don't believe in the wilfulness of this last action, as the general opinion of those who have trusted themselves and their goods to the tender mercies of that anonymous authority is that the blockade occurred owing to inefficient management and that its employment as a punitive measure was a delicious after-thought. We transgress, however, into the Zone of Politics and the stamping ground of Big Business ! ! Back—before it is too late—Back. It would be too dreadful if the daily press were to begin padding with our copy as of yore.

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Oh readers, it has been cold. Brrrr— One appreciates to the full the necessity for winter quarters. Such a month never was for twenty years, according to the Teutonic press, and yesterday was if anything colder. Its a nuisance because its not possible to get on with the seriously delayed programme of Inter-Company games, and its so extraordinarily difficult to keep fit. Influenza has added to the delights of the season by taking its toll of the Rhine Army, but we have so far been immune from anything approaching the epidemic which has ravaged other Battalions in the Garrison. Most of the members of the Officers' Mess have been affected in a greater or less degree, but that is probably attributable to the steam-heated anteroom.

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The cost of living continues to soar. One hears now of Hun magnates who find it *cheaper* to go and live in Paris than to remain in Cologne. How is that for a paradox. The Mark has been stable for some time now, and while it hardly seems to affect the Hun it catches us just where it hurts most, in the pocket. The civilian employees of the High Commission have had their subsistence allowance increased to enable them to cope with it. It is quite impossible to dine in a German Restau-

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rant. But the Huns still crowd to buy large and luxurious English cars, tax included, and don't seem to mind a bit.

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Berlin we hear from Mr. Butterfield, who was there on duty, is so expensive that he was lucky to have the return half of his duty warrant. This is an impossible country.

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With the departure of the second batch of Officers on leave the Mess has changed almost completely. At present Capt. W. T. Braddell, the proud owner of Nora, the non-co-operative automobile, is at Wengen, in the Berlin Oberland. He writes that far from having his anatomy frost-bitten he is enjoying himself immensely. In fact he cannot understand why everybody doesn't go to Switzerland. We can, and so I believe does the manager of F Branch of the banking concern lately enjoyed by Messrs. Cox & Co. At any rate, he is happy.

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Major Critchley-Salmonson, also pursues the snow. The unusual commotion at the War Office which was reported in some of the better informed city journals as having occurred during the early weeks of this month was not, we believe, due to the panic amongst the permanent officials on the advent of a Socialist War Minister but to Major Critchley-Salmonson's efforts to obtain immediate permission to go to Scandinavia. He got it—he's on his way to Stockholm now. Sic ITUR AD ASTRA.

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Mr. Myers has vanished into the grey wilderness of London Town.

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Messrs. Kilgour and Beckwith are spreading the good work of the H.W. Association in the rural homes of Britain. The Colonel has been to the Depôt and is now on leave. Where the railway strike stranded him is as yet obscure.

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Lots of people have come back, including Mr. Byrne, the owner of Hindenburg—but you don't know Hindenburg—sorry, but you should! A photograph will appear in next month's notes. Scientists maintain that he is the last of the Carnivorous Dinosaurs—probably a Neo-Brontosaurus. Other people hold divers views.

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It has been observed with the deepest regret that our hard-worked Editor still cries for copy—surely there remains one just man who can remember the high literary standard of pre-war *Gazettes*. Poems, serial stories, tales of travel, sketches and photographs. Perhaps modern conditions are over strenuous for the production of the former scale of literary output, but somebody ought to be able to help.

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We have become true Rhine Watchers. If the water rises to 7 metres the King's Dragoon Guards are ordered to swim out of their flooded Barracks and double up with us. Most of them will go into Z Company's lines, and it is rumoured that the Officer Commanding Z has been seen on the Rhine Ufer offering up incantations to the Lorelei and the Rhine Maidens with a view to preventing such a disaster.

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The joke of the thing is that it's not the Rhine's fault. It has been so well trained, schooled and disciplined that it hasn't the least desire to overflow its orderly and domesticated banks anywhere. The bad boy of the story is the Moselle, who just won't behave and worries Father Rhine considerably. Let's hope however that it will see reason.

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It is observed that the Royal Society of St. George has finally secured the permission of the authorities for all *English* soldiers to wear roses in their head-dress when off duty on St. George's Day. The order which grants this permission points out that it is correct to wear a red and a white rose in the head dress. Quite so, but it would appear that one of our most cherished and distinctive Regimental customs is in danger of being not extinguished but snowed over. For instance, all military spectators at St. George's Day Troop, whether or not they belong to the one Regular Regiment which bears St. George on its Colours and appointments, will sport his roses. It is to be hoped that someone will regularize our claim, and there is a suggestion that the Regimental right to wear a red and a white rose fastened in the cap, etc., badge, both on and off duty be efficiently established. All other wearers of the St. George's Rose to wear either red or white roses, not both, and in the side of the cap or head-dress. The Royal Society should take us more under its wing than it at present does.

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APPOINTMENTS.

No. 4258054 Fus. L. Glen, H.Q. Wing, appointed Bandsman *vice* Whittenham deceased (dated 6th January, 1924).

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No. 4258335 Fus. E. Pandavoine, H.Q. Wing, appointed Bandsman to complete Establishment (dated 18th January, 1924).

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

January, 1924.

A Happy New Year to all.

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Our notes this month will not be so plentiful as they usually are, but there are certainly a few items of interest to report upon.

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Firstly, the Rhine Army Pantomime was changed at the last moment to "Robinson Crusoe."

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It was to have been "The Forty Thieves," but only being able to find "Thirty-Eight Quarter-Master-Sergeants" in the Rhine Army, the producers were obliged to make the change.

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On the night of 31st December-1st January we saw the New Year creep over the distant hills.

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At least, several members vowed and declared that they saw it, but we have our doubts.

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The New Year was welcomed by a Concert, Supper and Dance, which were held in the Mess.

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A capital programme was got through, and the Sergeant-Major carried out the duties of Chairman very admirably.

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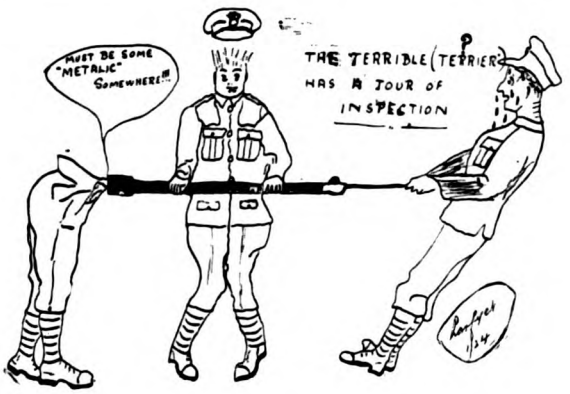
The following items were given :—

1. Recitation .. " The Green Eye " Sgt. K. Kirby
2. Song .. " I Passed by Your Window " Mrs. J. Gale
3. Monologue " Have You Seen Crusoe ? " Band-Sgt. A. H. McPherson
4. Song .. " Angus Macdonald " .. Mrs. Bell
5. Comic Song " Nobody Noticed Me " Arm.-Staff-Sgt. Taylor
6. Song .. " My Girl's a Yorkshire Girl " Mrs. R. Wood
7. Dude Number " Such a Good Boy am I " C.S.M. O'Hara

INTERVAL.

8. Banjo Solo (Selected) .. .. .. Sgt. L. Hallmark
9. Song " I was a Success at the Dance " C.S.M. O'Hara
10. Song .. .. " The Rosary " .. Mrs. Bell
11. Comic Song .. " Eggs and Bacon " Arm.-Staff-Sgt. Taylor
12. Song " There's a Ridiculous Question " Band-Sgt. A. H. McPherson
13. Grand Finale .. " Potpourri " .. The Mess Choir



Our best thanks are offered to the ladies for kindly assisting with the programme.

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After the concert we sat down to supper, in number about 70, and the fare was excellent.

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The following is a copy of the *menu* :—

Soup.

A-la-Tendre.

Joint.

Phat. Essen. Pokey.

Savoury.

Bunghole-a-Rice.

Sweet.

Pastie. Pomme-Pomme.
Cafe. Cigars. K'Nuts.

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Supper finished, we jazzed into the New Year " merrilee."

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It was a very enjoyable evening, and our thanks go to the Entertainments Committee for a very good time.

Special mention must be made of Pioneer-Sgt.-Gibbons (" Father Chips "), who decorated the Mess so tastefully.

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Sgt. Curtis is at present enjoying himself at the War Office School of Education, where he is undergoing a Course of Mathematics, etc.

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Our congratulations are extended to Lce.-Sgt. Wixon on his promotion to Sgt. Sgt. and Mrs. Haddon also receive our congrats. on the arrival of a little stranger, a daughter (Joyce), born 26th December, 1923. Good Luck.

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Sgt. Fletcher returned from Colchester on the 9th instant. We were pleased to see him back, because of his famous dinner-time chats, which are very inspiring and invigorating.

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We regret to report the departure of the following W.O. and Sergeants, who have left us since our last issue :—

C.S.M. Mower (to 6th Batt.), 14th January, 1924.
Sgt. West (to 4th Batt.), 22nd January, 1924.
Sgt. Wood (to 5th Batt.), 18th January, 1924.
Sgt. Wixon (to 7th Batt.), 15th January, 1924.
Sgt. Couse (to Depôt), 28th December, 1923.

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We wish them all every success, and hope to see them again at no distant date.

OUR MONTHLY CHESTNUT No. 15.

(*Continued from last issue*).

SCENE FOUR (*Lunch-time next day*).

Chorus (*At the Bar*) : " With heart and with voice
Let us welcome this meeting.
Will O' the Whisk(y) : " We'll have Scotch for choice."
Chorus (*A.T.B.*) : " That's a poor sort of greeting."
Caterer : " Irresistible incentive
Bids me offer you my hand,
I'm your landlord most attentive,
Most obedient to command."
Will O' the Whisk(y) : " Dear chaps have pity on my lot
My cup is not of Nectar."
Gus of the Goo-Goo-Eye : " Mine's English Beer."
Will O' the Whisk(y) : " Mine's Whisky hot."
Mac of the Mouldy Mug : " And Rum is *my* protector."
Tiffy the Terrible Tike : " A Gin and Gin would do me good."
The Windy Feller : " And mine's glass of Sherry."
Creepy Crawlegs : " A Vermouth *me* that's understood."
Chorus : " Come, let us all be merry."

Finale Grandiose.

Chorus : " Yes, let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our good landlord,
Who helps to dry the glistening tear
With good old English drink called Beer,
Because I think you'll all agree
A landlord's life is not of glee.
And I am right and you are right,
And all is right as right can be."

CURTAIN.

A.H.M.

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CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

Apologies are offered for the lack of notes in last month's *Gazette*.

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Blame me not, ye who peruse this noble *Gazette* with such great interest. The N.C.O.'s are so invigorated with that Kruschen Feeling that I'm given ample scope and material to work upon. (Perhaps ! ! !).

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Lce.-Cpl. McHale is to be congratulated on his appointment. He at least is or rather has a lively interest in the Mess. He can sing.

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Our congratulations are also extended to Lce.-Cpls. J. Obey, McKeown (Patsy), Robson, Huggan and Stanton on their promotion to Corporal.

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An old member, Cpl. McFarlane, has left us to enter into civilian life. He was the ration storeman—poor fellow—what

a job to feed the lions. However, our best wishes go out to him in his new life.

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We also are proud (?) possessors of another songster. Yes ! ! we sometimes wish he would take a *nap*. He has a voice—oh, delightful voice—it is unparalleled, unbeaten ! ! unequalled by any Sgt.-Major. His favourite effusion is " Hallf and 'Erbert."

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A number of our members are at present enjoying (in conjunction with the state of the Mark) themselves on their annual furlough. Still their faces are amongst us daily—Yes, they love us so.

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The contributor also hopes to be doing the same thing in a few days. Alas and alack, it is just as well—the things that the members threaten him with just prior to the issue of this paper.

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How about this, dear readers :—

HEARD ON PARADE.

Lance-Corporal (giving orders) : Squaad ! Squaad ! Noo mind what's cummin'. Relooad !

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.

FYZABAD,
INDIA,
26th December, 1923.

The Battalion went into camp at Pura Gumti, some 23 miles from Fyzabad, on 17th and 21st November, marching by half-battalions, and halting for the night at Rounahi.

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Some strenuous training took place, including two inspections by G.O.C.-in-C., India, and G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command.

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We returned to Fyzabad again by half-battalions, on 17th and 20th December, doing the whole march of 23 miles in one day. At the risk of being accused of " blowing our own trumpet," we cannot refrain from mentioning that not a man fell out from either half-battalion on this somewhat long and trying march.

SHOOTING NOTES.

Pura Gumti Camp, like Tikri Camp, will always live in the memory of some of us more by reason of happy days spent by neighbouring duck-jheels, than by any association of ideas. It may be that there are those among us for whom the lesson in tactics and handling of troops in the field, learnt at Tikri and Pura Gumti may prove the foundation of later military distinction. Will they, from the seats of the mighty, look back on Tikri and Pura Gumti, remembering them by reason of these lessons ?—we fear not. These names will conjure up visions of weedy marshes at dawn and flighting duck black against the lightening sky, rather than of dust and sweating troops, maps and narratives, orders and reports. It is ungrateful but human.

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The country south of Pura Gumti abounds in large jheels. From the map one would suspect that they might be dry for the greater part of the year, but as most of them are quite eight feet deep except near the shore, there would seem to be little fear that they will ever dry up. On most of these jheels duck may be found, but some are more popular with the duck than others.

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Our first week-end seven of us and our Indian Officer left camp on the Saturday afternoon, camped by the duck jheels, and returned on the Sunday evening just in time for dinner.

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The Jemadar procured two elephants for our use, and on these we set out from camp, much to the amusement of the watching soldiers, some of whom had been "joy-riding" on them before our arrival. The elephants, both about thirty years old, were very different in size, "Raj Mala" (King's Necklace) was a magnificent she-elephant, standing about 27 hands high, while "Moti Mala" (Pear Necklace), also a she-elephant, was very much smaller, standing only about 24 hands.

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The journey to the jheel was not without amusement. To one of us at least elephant riding was a novel experience, and the seats of the hindermost, especially on the smaller elephant, were none too secure.

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There was Redwood bumping along, with that part of his anatomy for which chairs were invented, barely making contact with the edge of the elephant's pad, hanging on to a rope with one hand, and ejaculating "Good show, old boy! push up a bit," and there was the Jemadar in an equally precarious position on the other side but suffering in smiling silence. While the elephants moved in the ordinary way all was well, but when they went down on their knees to cross ditches, terror and tribulation prevailed, as one rider, who was hanging on for very life, remarked, he was alright except when the brute went "Niche Piche."* There was Major Foster firmly seated well forward on the larger elephant, laughing heartily at the groans of his less fortunate and more inexperienced fellow passengers, and there was McLean sitting so far forward on Moti Mala that he was gradually and inexorably pushing a vociferously protesting mahout over the elephant's head. Each was a source of amusement in himself, and those temporarily unembarrassed by the danger of falling off were able to laugh over the discomforts of their fellows.

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The elephants themselves made a prodigious meal whenever they passed through or near vegetation sufficiently high to be worth uprooting. By the time we reached our destination they must have consumed several mounds of green stuff, boughs, grasses and young trees.

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Arrived at our destination, marshy jheel some nine hundred yards by four hundred, and named "Ata Jheel," we unloaded ourselves from the elephants and proceeded to make ready our guns and cartridges. Tents and provisions had arrived by mule and ekka transport, and while the former were being pitched by business-like Sepoys of the Indian Platoon, we took up our allotted places surrounding the jheel, while Hogshaw and Martin set out in boats to put up the duck.

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There were plenty of duck and most of us had some shooting, but they were rather wild and inclined to fly high, and when the "Close" was called, after the light had entirely failed, our total bag only numbered about six duck and teal. We mounted the elephants again without incident, except that the elephant rising before McLean was ready this Officer fell off, and rode the few hundred yards to the site of the camp. Arrived there we met the cook, the khitmatgar and followers. The cook carried the fire and our still cooking dinner on his head. The tents had not been pitched after all, but this was soon rectified and we settled down to an excellent dinner, supplemented by special dainties (a meal in themselves) pressed upon us by the Jemadar.

* Niche: Low or down. Piche; Behind.

Immediately after our after-dinner smokes we retired to bed, after making things ready for an early start in the morning.

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The following morning we were up long before sunrise, and strengthened by boiled eggs, bread and butter and tea, walked to a strip of land between two jheels, which we lined, everyone being in position just as the first signs of dawn appeared. A boat on each jheel, one occupied by Hogshaw and the other by Martin, and all was ready. The boats pushed off from the banks and presently the duck began to move—first a tremendous rushing and beating of wings, the shadowy vision of a cloud of birds, soon lost to view against the background of the still dark sky, the sound accentuated by the stillness of two shots and then silence. The sky became lighter, water and land gradually became distinguishable one from the other—suddenly the "wish-wish-wish" of wings and a flight of ducks pass over from behind, invisible until they are silhoutted against the eastern sky without a shot.

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A few minutes more and the forms of the shooters can be discerned, two crouching behind "camouflage" screens, others behind tufts of grass. "Ah!" here they come, two or three smudges, like wisps of smoke, in the sky, moving rapidly. The smudge disintegrates into specks, coming nearer and nearer—bang!—bang!!—bang!!!—and they're over and passed but higher and well out of shot now. Now the birds were coming in real earnest, in large flights, flying high, in small flights flying low, in ones and twos at incredible speeds, the air is full of them for a glorious two or three minutes, a glorious "mad minute," when each shooter can barely reload quick enough to fire. Then they begin to slacken off, and an occasional single bird comes over. Here and there a form emerges from a pile of empty cartridge cases to pick up a bird. The best of the shooting is over.

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After a large breakfast, and the usual arguments about "Spot Bills," and "Green Eyed Pochards," we once again mounted the elephants and made our way to some jheels further south. Here the shooting was not so good; the birds evidently having been disturbed by our morning's bombardment a few miles off.

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A good many of the birds obtained here were lost in the thick reeds. We did not lunch until half-past three and at four were off again to get in position for our evening shoot on Ramsagar Jheel, a strip of water about a mile long and seventy yards wide, ideal for shooting from the bank.

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What an ideal ending to a day is that last hour before darkness spent hidden in the reeds, catching the evening flights, and finally those last desperate shots at single flying duck outlined against the orange sky.

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On this occasion, the last hour proved a most successful one, and brought our bag up to forty-one head. It was a real dark night when we mounted the elephants to start our journey home. It was impossible to see a yard ahead in the blackness. Some of the novices expressed feelings of doubt as to the safety of so high a perch, but were re-assured by the veteran Major Foster that the elephant was the safest mode of night transport and had never been known to make a mistake.

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Alas for rules, for the exception always comes. "Moti," the smaller elephant, was leading the way, passing through a wood

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near a village she came to a small and muddy ditch. Her off fore slipping in the mud she performed a graceful lateral movement and came down on her left side. Her passengers likewise performed some graceful movements: Redwood, sitting on her left side was the first to reach the ground, assuming the prone position, but was quickly followed by Hogshaw and Martin from the other side, who, with two fine backward somersaults, landed on top of Redwood, who afterwards confessed that he was fully convinced they were the elephant, and that his last moment had come. It was a case of "sauve qui peut," and a mad scramble along the muddy ditch ensued.

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When a safe point was reached we suddenly realized to our horror that the Jemadar was not with us, and on running back to the scene of the accident we found him securely pinned beneath the animal's tail end. By this time the other elephant had arrived, and the rest of the party were quickly on the spot. Shouts for lights to the villagers—firstly a solitary candle was brought, which only emphasized the blackness of the night. Then straw, which we placed around and lit. Next came the operation of extracting the Jemadar from his precarious position. While waiting for light he had cheerfully remarked that he was quite alright except that his foot was being squashed to a jelly.

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Now Major Foster bravely seized the elephant's tail, and assisted by four others pulled at it as it never had been pulled before. The Jemadar was likewise seized by many hands and in the tug-of-war was successfully dragged clear.

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"Moti" was then alternately prodded and pulled by the entire population of the village, and was eventually got to her feet. Major Foster and the Jemadar remounted the other elephant, the rest of us preferring to walk! We were certainly lucky in escaping with casualties of one foot bruised, one gun dented, one helmet squashed, and one pipe buried. "Moti" was last seen peacefully eating young trees, but it is reported that her tail is now three feet longer.

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The next week-end we were the guests of a local Taluqdar, who having entertained us to tea in his house drove us down to the edge of the Milkapore area, the finest for duck shooting in this part of India. Here again the journey was full of amusement, the party being divided up in pairs each to an ekka.

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The ekka drivers vied with each other to lead the column, and consequently the eight odd miles over a terrible road were accomplished at a break-neck speed.

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Most of us had sent our guns ahead with our baggage, thinking that we should arrive at our destination too late for the evening shoot. Just at dusk our road came to a strip of land between two jheels. As luck would have it the birds came over here in masses as though driven. Thick flights of pochards whistling over our heads at about twenty feet; big ambling Nuktar (Comb Duck) in fives and sixes well within range; for nearly ten minutes the air was alive with duck. Hogshaw was the only one with a gun, and a few birds were obtained. The rest of us had to console ourselves with the thought of the good prospects we had seen for the morrow.

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We camped on the edge of Bara Jheel and were out in position at the first signs of dawn. A slight hitch occurred in the matter of the boats, as the two "boat-men" had never in their lives been off the land, and Humphreys and Martin were seen gyrating in a most perilous manner fifty yards from the bank. After making their boatmen lie flat in the skin boats, they poled themselves to shore and the boats were abandoned.

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Duck was plentiful and a good bag was obtained. A fair number were, however, lost in the reeds owing to the lack of a boat. We shot continually throughout the day, and at night-fall our bag totalled 94 head, a record in the game book for some years.

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We had carefully divided up our party according to weights for the sake of the ekkas, but at the commencement home a slight error must have been made, as Grimley and Humphreys, getting into the same ekka, caused the unfortunate pony to be suspended in mid-air between the shafts where he pawed the air as a protest to his undignified position.

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The rest of the three-hour journey was accomplished safely.

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Our last week-end we again shot over Ata Jheel and the neighbouring jheels, and a total bag of thirty-one head was obtained.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

22nd December, 1923.

During the past month two very successful whist drives were held in the Mess, under the able direction of C.Q.M.S. Moon, and his energetic Committee, during which vocal selections were given by members of the Mess and were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

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A dance was held on the 5th, the first since the Married Families returned from the Hills. One easily noticed the benefit of Hill Stations, for the dancing fraternity, the less fortunate of us poor "Plain" wallahs being hopelessly left in the cold.

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Two matches were played in the "Oakden" Hockey Cup. This cup was competed for by teams from Fyzabad, Lucknow, and other districts. Fortunately the first match was drawn against the Fyzabad Station Team, and on our home ground. A great game ensued, eventually the Mess team ran out winners by 2—1. Both the goals being scored by O.R.Q.M.S. Atkinson. The 2nd round was played against the Sultanpur Police, on the Fyzabad College Ground, but the Mess was beaten by 1 goal to nothing. So ended our interest in the Oakden Cup.

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A Tennis Tournament was then arranged amongst the male members. Many exciting sets were witnessed during the course of the tournament. The semi-finals were reached by Band-Sgt. Drummond, Arm.-Sgt. Adams, W.O.Instr. Hall and C.S.M. Davis. The final between W.O.Instr. Hall and the Armourer-Sergeant proved a very interesting match. Hall eventually succeeded in pulling off the match by 6—4, 3—6, and 6—5.

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Preparations are now in hand for Christmas week, and by all accounts it is to be a pretty hectic week.

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We, as a Mess, take this opportunity of wishing the "best of luck" to Sgts. P. J. Hughes and Stoker, the former after completing 18 years with the Colours, and the latter at the termination of short engagement. Sgt. Earl also left us for a tour of duty at the Depôt.

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Sgt. R. S. Dickenson has departed on being transferred to the Indian Army Ordnance Corps.

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We are now on our last day in camp, and greatly looking forward to the 23-mile march to Fyzabad to-morrow. A and D Coys. have already survived the march, so we must put our best foot forward to beat them. C.Q.M.S.'s are already enquiring if anyone has a spare bicycle ! Anyhow, roll on Fyzabad, and Christmas.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

FYZABAD,

24th December, 1923.

After a somewhat strenuous month at camp we are now back at Fyzabad getting ready for the Christmas festivities.

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Pura Gumti, the place where our last camp was located, is not much to talk about, although some of our members are

After the Boxing.

inclined to be very controversial on that point, and I would fain describe it in detail, but as I have already said, it is not worth it. It somewhat resembles the rest camps such as were seen *en route* from Baghdad to Mosul. The accommodation at Pura Gumti was greatly limited, the result being that the Cpls. could not have a tent for their exclusive use ; however, it is consoling to think that we may have one next year, if, however, it doesn't materialise, we shall still console ourselves with the thought that we may have one put up the year after.

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The members of the Mess who remained at Fyzabad whilst the Battalion was in camp had much work to do, and we congratulate them on how it was accomplished. " Chota Timber," it is said, acted as Battalion Orderly Sergt., Battalion Orderly Corporal, Company Order Sergt., Company Orderly Corporal, and, I believe, orderly man, too, all in one day. He is, however, looking remarkably well on it, especially as he had only been paying an extra five rupees towards his ration allowance. He is only a little chap, but he can " get going " when he feels inclined ; yes, both ways.

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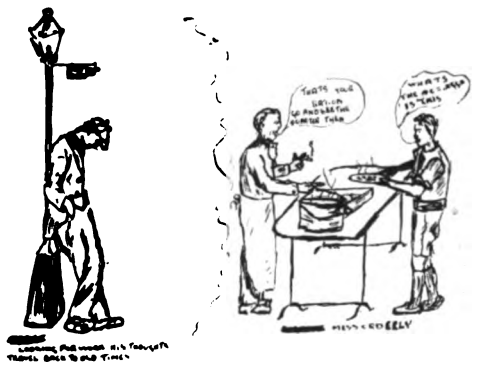
The reading and writing room has been repainted and redecorated during our absence in camp, and at the present time the refreshment rooms are undergoing the renovating process.



I believe that a series of the famous Studdy pictures depicting Bonzo in his numerous adventures are to be hung in the Mess, possibly with the idea that they will induce the members to bark more on parade. If the idea is successful, I dread to think what would result if a few pictures of Felix, the famous Tom cat, were to be added as an adornment. Probably the members would develop a tendency to grow long finger nails.

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We congratulate Cpl. Wood, Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, Lce.-Cpl. Coyle and Lce.-Cpl. Ouzman, all of B Coy., on being the winners and runners-up respectively of their weights in the Novices Boxing Competition which was recently held at camp.

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Two of our members, Cpl. Nicholson and Lce.-Cpl. Storer, have departed to England pending discharge, and we wish them every success in civil life.

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Whilst we have been at camp, our old comrades of the 40th Battery, R.F.A., have departed for Jubbulpore, and have been relieved by the 43rd Battery, who, like ourselves, have had a taste of Mesopotamia. Needless to say, we have already formed new friendships with the 43rd, and invites from one to the other is the order of the day.

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We have two wonderful mechanical instruments in our Mess, a gramophone and a clock. The gramophone will only play in strict time when the record is revolved by one's hand, for if left alone, it would take its own time with a vengeance, and

perhaps from the clock. It will play a one-step in the time of a Dead March, and Mendelssohn's Spring Song in the time of a

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gallop. The clock too is a bit out of time, and has a disgusting habit of striking three o'clock at half past twelve, and nine o'clock at half-past eight. By putting " Three O'Clock in the Morning " vaise on the gramophone at half-past twelve by the clock, one can get the effect of the chimes to perfection.

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Christmas greetings have been received from the following :—

W.O.'s, Staff Sergts. and Sergts., 2nd Batt. The Fifth.
Cpls. and Lce.-Cpls., 2nd Batt The Queens' (Royal West Surreys) Regt., Lucknow.
Cpls. and Lce.-Cpls., 2nd Batt. The Lincolnshire Regt., Dinapore.
Cpls. and Lce.-Cpls., 2nd Batt. The Lancashire Fusiliers, Nowshera.
Cpls. and Lce.-Cpls., 1st Royal Welch Fusiliers, Multan.
Cpls. and Lce.-Cpls., 1st Batt. The Worcestershire Regt., Meerut.
Cpls. and Lce.-Cpls., 1st Batt. The Queen's (Royal West Kents) Regt., Poona.
Cpls. and Lce.-Cpls., 2nd Batt. The Somerset Light Infantry, Agra.
Cpls. and Lce.-Cpls., 1st Batt. The Cheshire Regt., Lucknow.
Members of the Cpls.' Mess, 4th Queen's Own Hussars, Muttra.
Junior N.C.O.s' Mess, 43rd Battery, R.F.A., Fyzabad.

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HEARD IN BARRACKS.

Band-Cpl. : Band, attention, move to the right in fours, slope arms.

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In conclusion we wish our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
January, 1924.

We regret that we have not occupied more space in these columns of late, but few realize the stress and strain of life at the Depôt these days, and now that Christmas is over and the various members of the Depôt have returned to the fold we have been very busy with three Squads and various Territorial Courses.

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Congratulations to Lieut. L. C. Thomas, M.C., on gaining a " D " at Hythe, and we are sure he thoroughly deserved it.

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On 21st January Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Hardman-Jones visited the Depôt, and we were all delighted to see him again and to hear the latest news from the Rhine.

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We held an Inter-Depôt Boxing competition on 22nd January, and Lieut.-Colonel Hardman-Jones kindly presented the prizes ; the competition was a great success, and some good fights were witnessed. More in the future should be heard of Fus. Stobbart and Fus. Naylor.

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The Indian Drafts are expected to leave the Depôt on 20th January and 7th February, but in view of the Railway Strike it looks as if we shall have them here for some time.

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The hunting and beagling enthusiasts have had their sport cut dead by the foot and mouth disease, and at present it looks as though all hunting will be stopped for the rest of the season.

February is almost upon us, and with it promotion examinations, and some may be seen at tea time deploying their cups of tea in depth with the hot buttered toast in reserve. Amusing for some, but annoying if one requires sugar, to be told that it cannot be moved as it is a strong point holding up a flank attack of buns ! .

5TH/68TH REGIMENTAL DEPOT BOXING TOURNAMENT.

On 22nd January, 1924. Results :—

MIDDLE-WEIGHTS.

Semi-Final.	*Final.*	*Winner.*
Pte. Neaves (68th)	Neaves	Stobbart.
Fus. Overand (5th)		
Fus. Davis (5th)	Stobbart	
Fus. Stobbart (5th)		

WELTER-WEIGHTS.

Semi-Final.	*Final.*	*Winner.*
Fus. Naylor (5th)	Naylor	Naylor.
Fus. Gray (5th)		
Pte. Maltby (68th)	Newbitt	
Pte. Newbitt (68th)		

LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

Semi-Final.	*Final.*	*Winner.*
Fus. Gobin (5th)	Gobin	Trotter.
Pte. Broom (68th)		
Pte. Trotter (68th)	Trotter	
Pte. Clarke (68th)		

FEATHER-WEIGHTS.

Semi-Final.	*Final.*	*Winner.*
Fus. Wright (5th)	Wright	Wright.
Fus. Procter (5th)		
Pte. Ainley (68th)	Steele	
Fus. Steele (5th)		

BANTAM-WEIGHTS.

Semi-Final.	*Final.*	*Winner.*
Pte. Bell (68th)	Bell	Clarkson
Pte. Warrener (68th)		
Pte. Clarkson (68th)	Clarkson	
Pte. Hunter (68th)		

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,
23rd January, 1924.

The opening of a New Year heralds the awakening of a T.A. Battalion from its Autumnal slumbers.

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Winter Training has commenced in earnest, with Company Classes for Officers, N.C.O.'s and specialists, and short courses at the Regimental Depôt.

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The attendances at the Company Classes, however, are far from satisfactory, and it is hoped that they will improve. It is very disappointing for the Instructors after taking the trouble to organize a class to get to the Drill Hall and find half the class have failed to turn up.

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On Monday, 7th January, the Monthly Dinner was held at Tilley's Restaurant, Newcastle, when there was a very satis-

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factory muster. Those present included Lt.-Col. Gibson, Major Williams, Captains Charlewood, Wood, Clarke, and Watson, and Lieuts. Peacock, Gibson and McLellan. We were all especially pleased to see our Padre, the Rev. C. Milner, and our Doctor, Captain J. Steedman, and hope they will turn up as often as possible to the dinners in the future.

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After an excellent dinner, the C.O. burst into song, accompanied on the organ by Gibson Minor. It was altogether a thoroughly successful evening, marred only by an early conclusion, as some of us had to catch the last train westward.

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Our numbers have fallen slightly of late, owing to some of our members leaving the district. It is hoped, therefore, now that there is a persistent rumour of a seaside Camp, that all Detachments will begin to swell their ranks with recruits, before the Drill Season has got under way.

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We welcome to the Battalion No. 4256073 C.S.M. Mower, who arrives at Newburn on 1st February, to take over from Sgt. Deeks, whose tour of duty finishes on 11th February. C.S.M. Mower is no stranger to us, having previously served on the Permanent Staff of the 4th Batt. Those who know him will ensure that his welcome is a particularly cordial one.

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No. 7075448 Sgt. Wixon has also reported for duty at Haltwhistle in relief of Sgt. Warriner, and No. 6447034 Sgt. West, who is due to arrive at Prudhoe on 8th February, will relieve C.S.M. Clark. We are all sorry to say "Good-bye" to C.S.M. Clark and Sgt. Deeks, both of whom are returning to the Regular Battalions. During their tours of duty with this Battalion, they have both worked hard to carry out successfully their duties as Instructors and with them go our thanks and our very best wishes for the future.

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R.S.M. Wodehouse proceeded to Enfield on 12th January for a Course in the care of Lewis Guns at the Royal Small Arms Factory, and returned to Battalion Headquarters on the 19th January.

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Major N. B. N. Good, M.C., paid a fleeting visit to Battalion Headquarters at the beginning of the month. The South country appears to agree with him, so much so that he has decided to settle down there permanently.

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We are looking forward to the Ball at Prudhoe on the 25th, which is being given by the W.O.'s and Sergeants of Z Company, and hope that it will be as successful as the memorable one at Haltwhistle.

Newburn Detachment Notes.

Now that we are embarked upon a New Year we at Newburn are occupying our minds in peaceful concentration upon the implements and methods of modern warfare.

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Courses are being carried out under the following Instructors:

Section Leading	.. ..	Capt. R. Wood.
Signalling	.. .. ..	Sgt. Cowans.
Lewis Gun	.. .. ..	C.Q.M.S. Sparrow.
Vickers Gun	.. .. ..	Sgt. Campbell.

In conclusion we may say we are really getting quite hopeful about our proposed new Drill Hall.

Prudhoe Detachment Notes.

It is regretted that no notes were forthcoming last month, but we will endeavour to make up for lost time now.

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During December we had several interesting lectures. Capt. Watson on "Experiences as a Prisoner of War," R.Q.M.S. Connell on "Naval Operations at Zeebrugge and Ostend, 1918," and C.S.M. Clark on "The History of the Regiment." The writer was also to have spoken on certain alleged operations in Egypt or thereabouts which were supposed to have taken place when Julius Cæsar was qualifying for his lance-stripe. Lt.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson also promised to talk to us about "Artillery Developments," but unfortunately neither of these lectures materialised. However, the time was not wasted, as a lady with a violin appeared on each occasion and melodious evenings were spent.

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On December 22nd the Annual Smoker and distribution of prizes for the Christmas shooting took place. In the unfortunate absence of Mrs. Gibson, the Commanding Officer handed over the rabbits, etc. It gave us great pleasure to have Lt.-Col. Cruddas, Major Williams and several Officers from Newburn with us. Thanks are due to Sgt. Craddock and Lce.-Cpl. Armstrong for carrying out the thankless job of collecting "the necessary."

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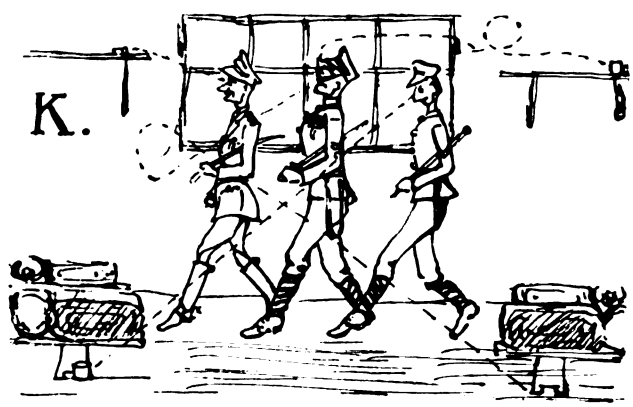
Training has now commenced in earnest, several N.C.O.'s being on courses at the Depôt and Company Classes functioning with great severity.



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AND LOVE TO DISPLAY AT MOMENTS UNFIT
THOUGH SELDOM IT IS THEY ESCAPE THE DETECTION
OF EAGLE-EYED EXPERTS ON DAILY INSPECTION.

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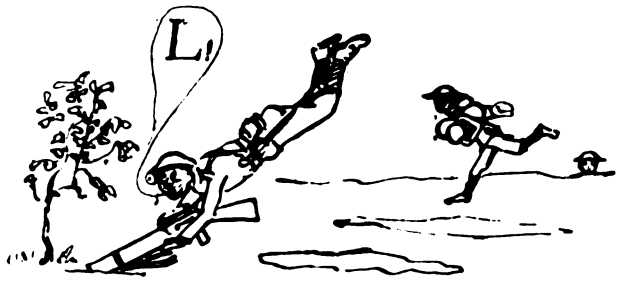
It is unfortunate that C.S.M. Clark should be leaving us just as the Company is getting more or less efficient, but these things



'L' ARE THEIR LORDSHIPS WHO HANDLE A GUN
WHICH PROVED MOST EFFICIENT IN SLAYING THE HUN
BUT OFT-TIMES THEY WISH MR LEWIS IN 'L'
FOR HE MIGHT HAVE INVENTED SOME TRANSPORT AS WELL!

can't be helped, and we wish both the Sergeant-Major and Mrs. Clark the best of luck in their new sphere of activities —we hope they will not forget us and that they will carry away pleasant memories of their stay in Prudhoe.

Haltwhistle Detachment Notes.

Having survived the usual Christmas and New Year festivities with some difficulty we commenced our Winter Courses at Haltwhistle on the 4th instant.

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We are not overjoyed with the attendance so far, but hope that others will turn up before long. Our programme is quite comprehensive and should prove beneficial to those who attend.

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By the time these notes are printed our old Instructor (Sgt. W. Warriner) will have shaken the dust (I mean mud) of this place from his feet and it is hoped that his future friends will appreciate his qualities as much as we have done.

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He leaves us to take up the duties of a 1st Class Warder at Durham Prison, and we wish him every happiness and luck in his new surroundings.

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A Smoking Concert was held on New Year's Eve in his honour, and a good company was present; the details of which are probably best described by the attached extract from the local newspaper :—

Impending Departure of Staff-Sergeant Warriner. Staff-Sergeant Warriner, who has been the Permanent Staff Instructor with the Haltwhistle Company of the Fifth Fusiliers (T.A.) for the past three years, is about to undertake the duties of warder in His Majesty's Prison, after 21 years' service with the Colours. During his term of duty at Haltwhistle he has had the pleasure of seeing his Company winning the Champion Company Cup for efficiency three years in succession. At a recent inspection of Drill Halls by the G.O.C., special mention was made as to the cleanliness of the local drill hall, of which Staff-Sergeant Warriner was in charge. In recognition of his valuable services he was the recipient of a gold watch at a Smoking Concert held at the Drill Hall on New Year's Eve. All ranks generously subscribed and the presentation was made by Capt. A. B. Hare, M.C., in the absence of Col. Gibson, who sent a letter saying he regretted not being able to attend owing to business, but he wrote and expressed his admiration at the success the local Company had attained under the instruction of their Staff-Sergeant. The best wishes of all ranks and others interested in the local Company will accompany him in his return to civilian life.

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We take the opportunity of welcoming our new Instructor, Sgt. Wixon, who arrived on 17th January, and trust that his stay with us will be a pleasant one, and that the Company may be even more successful under his guidance.

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We are looking forward to the Dance to be given by Z Company at Prudhoe on the 25th instant, and will record our impressions next month.

6th Battalion Notes.

St. George's Drill Hall,
Newcastle-on-Tyne,
20th January, 1924.

In connection with our Winter Training Scheme, various courses in Signalling, Machine Gun, Lewis Gun, etc., have been started, but the response so far has been somewhat disappointing.

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We are glad to note that our Second-in-Command, Major A. D. S. Rogers, has been awarded the Territorial Decoration.

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Our new Adjutant, Capt. J. T. Leese, of the North Staffordshire Regiment, has entered on his duties, and we offer him a cordial welcome. We hear he has had considerable experience with the machine gun. Perhaps now our shooting may rise to the level of all our other activities.

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Our football team has at last said good-bye to the Northumberland Minor Cup for this season. We were beaten in the 5th round by Walker Celtic, after a gallant fight, but our opponents carried too many guns for us. Still, in fairness we ought to add that for a large part of the game we had only 10 men, owing to one of our backs having been injured. Also for some unaccountable reason, our forwards had an off day, and after the first few minutes they never reproduced the form they have of late been displaying. One of them indeed has given signs of such promise as to attract the attention of the management of United Football Club, by whom he has been tried.

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We have learnt a new way to shoot well. On the eve of an important match, it seems to be advisable to do a fair amount of first footing. Judging by results at least, this is a fine pre-

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paration, for some excellent cards were put in by our Sergeants at their Annual Shoot on New Year's Day. There were many prizes, but nobody received one unless he had done a good score, and the chief one, a handsome clock, went to C.S.M. Hoggins. We are always delighted to see former members of the Battalion turn up for this annual event, with its pleasing social customs but equally were we glad to note that the present members were able to hold their own with some of our former notable shots. It now only needs practice to ensure good results at Ponteland when the next County Meeting is held. Incidentally we have heard that this latter meeting is likely to take place at Whitsuntide this year. If so, it will be necessary for intending competitors to get a move on.

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The Subalterns' Dance is over, and it must be pronounced even a greater success than last year. Many more were attracted to it, and the ladies were particularly enthusiastic in expressing their appreciation. Unfortunately three of the gallant seven were reported as either in hospital or abroad or missing, and consequently the duties of organization, etc., fell on the other four. This we suppose must account for their comparatively serious demeanour and the absence of any special stunts. Of course a really serious subaltern is unknown hereabouts, but either the weight of their responsibilities or their hard work, both before and during the dance, had a quietening—we refrain from using the word sobering lest it be misunderstood—influence on them, which is strangely foreign to their natures.

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This, however, does not mean that it was in any way approaching a slow or solemn affair. Far from it, but then our Subalterns are not the only pebbles on the beach. Anyone possessing an X-Rays eye could have been able to see a most hilarious party when we were all assembled for supper, and it did not become less, but rather more, so as the inevitable speeches followed. At first a high oratorical standard was set up by Major G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., but this was not maintained. Indeed we fear the speeches gradually deteriorated, but if they did not provide us with any intellectual treat, they made up by their mirth-provoking qualities, and one of the most successful was that of the senior Subaltern, Lieut. J. L. Challoner, who was called upon to respond on behalf of the Ladies, though he was actually out of the room attending to some of the multifarious duties that fell to his lot, when the toast was proposed. His speech was a masterpiece, for neither did he allow the green grass to grow around him, nor did his hearers sit like birds in the wilderness.

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After such a happy supper it follows that the rest of the evening went with a bang, in fact with a series of bangs, after some sportsman started to smash one of the balloon decorations on the head of a fellow dancer.

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Altogether the dance was a huge success, whether we refer to the tasteful decorations, or to the excellent band, or to the jovial supper, or to our pretty partners, and we offer our humble congratulations to the Big Four. (At least they will be after they have read this).

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
25th January, 1924.

The Battalion has sustained a severe loss in the retirement, owing to ill-health, of Major Jobling. He was one of the all too small band of pre-war Officers—there are only three now—who volunteered early in the war and went overseas with the Battalion in 1915.

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It is eleven years this month since he got his commission as 2nd-Lieut., prior to which he had seen much service in the Northumberland Hussars. He got his second star in August, 1914, when he was appointed Transport Officer and proceeded overseas as such. He got his Captaincy in August, 1915. When invalided he eventually went as temporary junior Major to a Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment (T.A.), 2nd Line, and thereafter he joined the 2/7th Battalion North. Fusrs., and saw quite a lot of garrison duty service in the Sudan, later commanding a detachment in Red Sea Province. On demobilization in 1920, he at once continued his service with the reconstructed Battalion, commanding first the Ashington and afterwards the Morpeth Companies.

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His presence will be much missed at future annual trainings as a smart and keen soldier and a jovial companion. We hope he will be speedily restored to at least a measure of his former health.

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During this and next month several Officers and N.C.O.'s will be attending courses at the Depôt, Newcastle, which should give them a good rub-up prior to annual training. The value of even these week-end courses cannot be over-emphasized.

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The following attended from the 7th to 12th inst., inclusive:—C.S.M. T. E. Richell, B Company; Sgt. J. T. Stevenson, A; Sgt. J. Hedley, Lce.-Sgt. J. Bell, Cpl. J. L. Wilson, Lce.-Cpl. H. Rutherford, C; and Cpl. J. V. Taylor, D.

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Prospects of annual training at Whitby are popular with the troops.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRES ON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st January, 1924.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, and 1921.

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Change of Government! Railway Strikes!! Influenza!!! All these have been our portion during the opening month of 1924. We do not know which is the most disagreeable, but all three are certainly bad, and detract from the fulfilment of Editorial duties, so that we are compelled to apologise in advance for our sins of omission.

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As we go to press we learn of the sudden death on board ship of Major H. C. Milne Home. Though a young man in years he was a comparatively old Fifth Fusilier in service, and we assert that a more zealous one never served. It is too late to publish a full account of his services in this month's *Gazette*, but we can, and do voice the regret of all who knew him, at a career cut short in its prime, and we convey on behalf of all Fifth Fusiliers our deep sympathy to his widow in her loss and sorrow.

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Subscriptions due in February :—

Lieut. A. R. Brown	S.M. McKim
Major R. M. S. Booth, D.S.O.	Lieut. A. B. Walton

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mrs. Adamson (2nd Batt.)	Major R. M. Lamb, D.S.O.
Lieut. J. I. Atkinson	Miss M. Latimer (2nd Batt.)
Miss Blakeway (2nd Batt.)	Mrs. S. Ouzman (2nd Batt.)
Mr. N. Borisown	Col. Pedley
Pte. L. H. Ferrett	Miss E. Riste (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. Gibson (2nd Batt.)	Mrs. J. Stephenson (2nd Batt.)
2nd-Lieut. W. Harvey	Mrs. Walden (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. N. Henrose	Nurse Wasse (2nd Batt.)
Miss F. H. Johnston	Miss M. Weatheson (2nd Batt.)
Mr. P. Lancell (2nd Batt.)	

Letter to the Editor.

To the Editor, " St. George's Gazette."

SIR,

In his letter in the October *Gazette* Col. Sandilands states : " But my impression was that the Germans launched their Infantry attack against the 9th Infantry Brigade in position, before the withdrawal had started."

My recollection bears this impression out entirely.

On withdrawing past the railway bridge on the Cuesmes-Frameries road on the afternoon of 23rd August, my platoon, No. 1, was sent to take up a position on a slag heap towards the direction from which the Germans were supposed to be advancing. There we engaged some Germans who were occupying another slag heap 800 yards away.

When it was getting dark, I remember seeing one of the other Battalions in the Brigade retiring past my left flank, and as the platoon was, as far as I could see, more or less left in the air, I began to feel rather uncomfortable.

Shortly afterwards, however, I received an order from Col. Ainslie to withdraw.

On reaching the outskirts of Frameries, I met the Brigade Major, who instructed me to join the Scots Fusiliers, who were then occupying a position on the edge of Frameries, and who, owing to their suffering from exhaustion were being relieved by the Lincolnshire Regiment during the night.

In accordance with these orders, I took up a position astride a road with an orchard on my left.

During the night the Lincolnshire Regiment arrived, and took over the line in the orchard to my left. As soon as it was light, the Germans gave us a most unpleasant shelling both from the front, and the right flank, and we were also under heavy rifle and machine gun fire from the right. About 9 a.m. I moved my platoon from the road to the left of the Lincolns' line to join up with our people, C Company ; Gatehouse and Booth were both there at the time. A few minutes later D Company, under Matthews and Lindsay Barrett, arrived to reinforce the Lincolns, who were still in the orchard.

It was shortly after this that the Germans launched their Infantry attack on our part of the line. I am not sure if C Company were actually able to open fire on the German Infantry, but D Company and my own platoon who were in front and to the right on a slight rise, certainly did. I remember distinctly that the Germans advanced in close order to within about 200 yards of our position, when our rapid fire seemed to be too much for them. It seemed also that in spite of their officers' frantic exhortations with sword and revolver, they were as regards the final assault, " not having any."

Several Officers in the Lincolnshire Regiment with whom I was in communication most of the night, and up to the time we withdrew under orders next day about 11.30 a.m., can corroborate my statement. Amongst others I remember talking to Col. Smith and Capt. Rose ; in fact, the latter was wounded when he was standing close to me.

Yours truly,

Fyzabad, H. N. OVANS.
8th January, 1924.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' (FIGHTING FIFTH) OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

LONDON AREA.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

The Committee, in presenting this, the first Annual Report of the Association, take the opportunity of thanking all concerned for the splendid support accorded them during the year, and so enabling to report " All's well."

Sunday, the 18th March, 1923, saw the birth of the Association, when eighteen old members of the Regiment met (by kind permission of the Commandant, Corps of Commissionaires) at the Commissionaires' Headquarters, Strand. Each of those present was registered as a Founder, and paid a small fee to form a Fund. Great strides were taken, and on Sunday, 22nd April, a party of 100 comrades and friends met on the Horse Guards' Parade and proceeded to the Cenotaph, and Col. B. Sapte, on behalf of the Association, laid a wreath of roses.

St. George's Day followed, and a Social and Dance was held at the Headquarters, Corps of Commissionaires. The actual membership on St. George's Day was 60. Following a number of entertainments, whist drives and dances, held at the Seaforth Highlanders' Club, Shaftesbury Avenue, which have been well attended, a dinner took place on Armistice Eve at the Bedford Head Hotel. Eighty comrades were present, including :—

Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel D. Sapte, Colonel C. Yatman, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel M. W. Biddulph, Lieut.-Colonel C. P. Hawkes, Lieut.-Colonel A. Landen, D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel Grantham, Major A. C. Milne Home, M.C.

The membership at the end of 1923 comprised :—

31 Officers, 122 Warrant Officers and other ranks, including Pte. J. Garratty, Pte. J. Dryden, Pte. H. Harvey and W. Palmer, who are veterans of the Regiment, and are at present residing at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

A ladies' section has been formed, and though at present it consists of only 10 members, it is hoped that at an early date this number will be increased.

The object of the Association being more than for social functions above, great attention has been paid to cases where assistance has been needed by some of our comrades, who through no fault of their own have been in straightened circumstances. Although we are not ourselves in such a financial position at present as to enable us to do all we should desire, the Association have been able to render assistance to several old comrades as shown below. In addition we have been able to advise several members on various matters.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to make mention and record their sincere thanks to other Associations who have assisted in various ways, notably the Corps of Commissionaires and the Officers and Members of the Seaforth Highlanders' Club, who unstintingly placed at our disposal their headquarters when required.

In conclusion the Committee urge that every effort should be made during 1924 by members to make known among their

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comrades of the Regiment the existence of the Association, and so be the means of increasing our numbers.

The following old members of the Regiment have been assisted as shown. For obvious reasons names are not given, initials only being used :—

J.T.—Married. Very ill and run down. 3 weeks' seaside holiday and clothing. Family maintained whilst away. Further supply of clothing to enter suitable employment.

G.S.—Wife and children. Run down. 3 weeks' holiday at seaside. Suitable clothing and small money grant.

E.E.P.—Unemployed and wife very ill. 3 children. £6 obtained.

J.G.—Married and two children. Bad illness. £9 obtained.

J.B.C.—Married. 3 children. Man very ill. £11 10s. and seaside holiday obtained.

E.C.—Married, one child. Had a very long spell of illness. £12 15s. obtained and pension case taken up successfully.

W.D.—£5 grant and loan of £10 obtained to save his small business.

W.J.G.—£2 grant and fare to Newcastle to take up job.

J.S.—Seaside holiday, and help for family whilst away.

Several others were helped with small sums which enabled them to carry over during illness.

(Signed) J. T. ROWLANDS,
Chairman.
H. I. MORGAN,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

Income.	£ s. d.
Donations and subscriptions from Officers ..	26 16 0
Donations and subscriptions from Other Ranks ..	12 11 0
Donations and subscriptions from Lady Members	0 6 0
Collection at Concert	0 19 0
Founders' Contributions	3 10 0
Sale of Badges	2 4 0
	£46 6 0

Expenditure.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
St. George's Day Concert	5 16 9	
Wig	0 5 0	
Janitor	0 7 6	
Artists' Refreshments, etc.	0 15 1	
		7 4 4
Wreath for Cenotaph		1 0 0
Stationary, etc :—		
Membership Cards	1 10 0	
Pamphlets and Postcards	1 6 0	
Headed Notepaper, etc.	1 11 0	
Whist Drive Cards	0 12 6	
		4 19 6
Annual Subscription, *St. George's Gazette*		0 6 0
Association Badges, Cost		5 4 0
Present to Club Steward		1 1 0
Postage, Telegrams and Miscelaneous Expenses		7 16 8½
Photo Frame		0 2 6
		27 14 0½
Balance transferred to Balance Sheet		18 11 11½
		£46 6 0

BALANCE SHEET.

Liabilities.

Nil.

Assets.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash in hand	17 19 11½	
Loan to Dance Committee	0 12 0	
		18 11 11½
Badges in stock at cost price		3 0 0
		£21 11 11½

(Sgd.) H. I. MORGAN,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

"THE CITY BATTALION."

A.D. 120—THE VI. LEGION.

A.D. 1920—THE VI. NORTH. FUSRS.

An interesting connection between the Military History of Pons Ælii (A.D. 120) and that of Modern Newcastle-upon-Tyne is afforded by consideration of the inscriptions upon two Roman Altars, now in the Black Gate Museum, Newcastle.

These Stones were both raised, at different times however, from the bed of the River Tyne : one during the construction of the foundations of the present Swing Bridge, and the other during the removal of an obstruction from the bed of the river between the central and northern piers.

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The present Swing Bridge occupies the site of the original Ælian Bridge which lasted until about A.D. 1248, when a new one was built ; use being made of some of the original Roman piers, etc., in its construction. This mediæval bridge, with its gates, houses and shops, was destroyed by the great flood of 1771, thus ending entirely the career of the bridge built by Publius Ælius Hadrianus, Emperor of Rome, *circa* A.D. 121-122.

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In 1887, when the foundations of the Swing Bridge were being prepared, three pieces of sculptured stone were, at different times, dredged up from the river bed, which, when carefully cemented together, produced a boldly sculptured Roman Altar dedicated to Neptuno—Neptune. (*See plate A*).

Inscription.—NEPTUNO LE (GIO) VI VI (CTRIX) P(IA) F(IDELI), with a Dolphin curved round the shaft of a trident sculptured in bold relief—the emblem of the God of the Seas. *Translation of Inscription.*—To Neptune, the Sixth Legion, surnamed the Victorious, Pious and Faithfull (erects this altar).

Again in 1903 another altar, *but this time quite entire*, was recovered, at the same spot as the earlier one, by divers employed on removing an obstruction from the Northern Channel.

This altar is dedicated to Oceanus, the God of the Water and the father of all the river gods and water nymphs, by the Sixth Legion, as the inscription on it sets out.

Inscription and device.—OCEANO LEG(IO) VI VI (CTRIX) P(IA) F(IDELIS), with an anchor carved in high relief in the centre of the panel—the emblem of Oceanus.

Translation of Inscription.—To Oceanus the Sixth Legion, the Victorious, the Pious, the Faithful (dedicates this altar). (*See plate B*).

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These two altars, although resurrected from the bottom of the river at different times, are so nearly alike in size and detail as to be fairly considered, without fear of question, the work of one and the same man ; either as the designer or the sculptor.

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No doubt he was one and the same, *vis*, a Craftsman in the true sense of the word.

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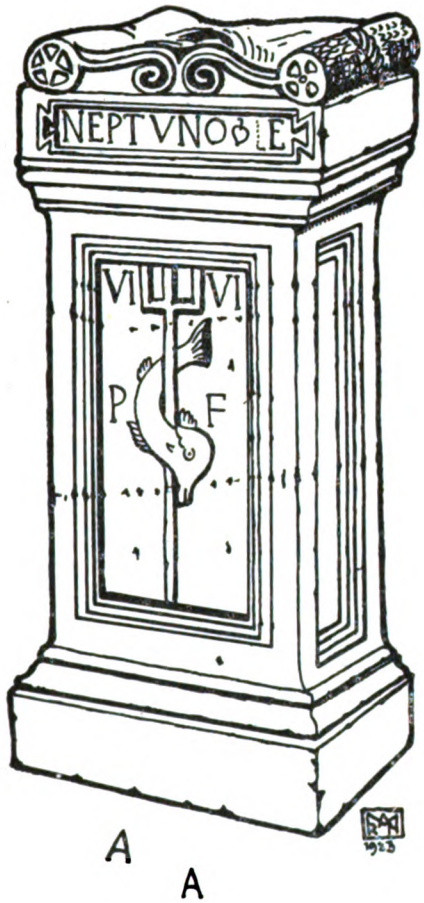
Their situation when found, buried deep in the mud of the



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river's bed, leads one to conjecture as to what was their original position, and if it would account for their long immersion.

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That they were altars placed in a Sanctuary, dedicated to Neptune and Oceanus, which was built upon one of the Northern piers of the Roman Bridge—just as was our own St. Thomas' Chapel on the Mediæval Bridge—seems after consideration to allow of little or no doubt.

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Thus then some time in the year A.D. 120 there arrived at the quay of Pons Ælii a detachment, or detachments, of the Sixth Legion from the Rhine, where it had been doing garrison duty for a number of years.[1] These soldiers would then for a time take up their quarters in the stationery garrison camp at Pons Ælii. As a natural result of their joy at once more setting foot upon *terra firma* they erected the Sanctuary and in it placed the Altars to the two great dieties who presided over their destinies, viz., Neptune and Oceanus, during the time they were afloat.

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That the Sixth Legion built the bridge [2]as well as the Sanctuary upon it is almost certain. They did, however, build some sections of the Roman Wall (England) during their occupation of the Bridge Station.

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That they were so employed by Hadrian upon his wall is proved by an inscription seen by Mr. John Clayton in 1844.[3] Whilst riding over Haltwhistle Fell some quarrymen who were opening out an old and long disused quarry, drew his attention to a "Written Stone." He dismounted and examined it and found, cut deep into the face of the rock, the following inscription :—

LEG VI V [LEGIO SIXTA VICTRIX].

From this quarry the Romans had quarried freestone for their fort at Haltwhistle Burn and later for the Wall itself.

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From the above inscription it is quite certain that the Sixth Legion was employed upon the Roman Wall in Northumberland. They were later employed (142 A.D.) upon the rebuilding of Agricola's Walls by Antonius Pius, in Scotland.[4]

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According to historical records these altars and a mural tablet, or slab, which also records the Sixth Legion along with the II and XX, are the only Roman records found at Newcastle bearing a mention of any military forces being there during the Roman occupation of Britain.

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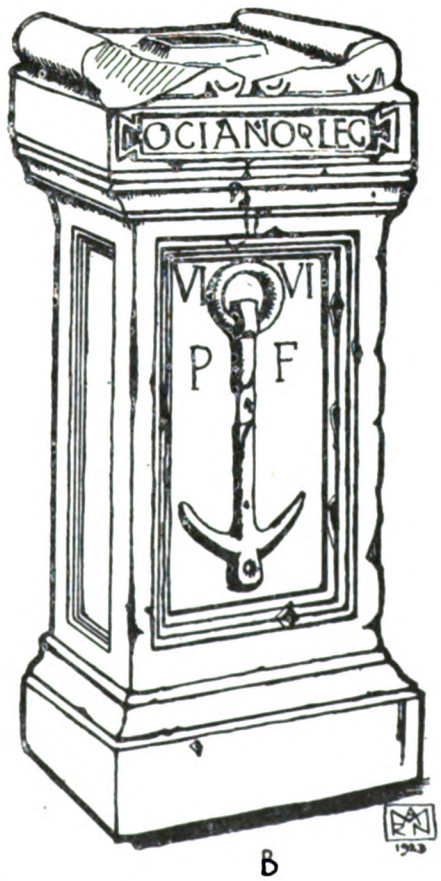
At the present time, just as in A.D. 120, "The City Battalion"



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is officially numbered "the VI. (6th Northumberland Fusiliers)." It, too, has contributed its quota of work to the garrisoning of the Rhine not perhaps as an entire unit, but its Officers and

1 Novaesum (Neuss) a town in Germany, in the Prussian Rhine Province on the left bank of the Rhine near Dusseldorf.

2. *See* Archæologia Æliana, new series, Vo. 25, p. 137.

3. *See* Archæologia Æliana, 3rd series, Vol. 5, p. 214.

4. *See* Archæologia Æliana, new series, Vol. 25, p. 141.

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men were there—and earlier still during the Great War did its fighting with its Brigade in the "Low Countries," just as the VI. Legion fought with its Vexilliatio[5] under the Vexillum against the "Hun" in the lands of the Lower Rhine between A.D. 70 and 120.

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Yet another point of similarity between the Sixth Legion's Vexillarii who raised these altars, circa. A.D. 121, and our present day 6th Batt. North. Fusrs. Territorials, is that the men who formed a Vexillarii were, like the men of the 6th Batt., Volunteers. Under "the Empire" the name of Vexillarii was given to a distinct body of soldiers who were released from the military oath and regular service but kept embodied under a separate flag (Vexillum) to render assistance to the Army if required. A certain number of these supernumeraries being attached to each Legion.

Under the Empire a soldier of the Auxilia upon discharge was given a bounty and the Roman franchise (citizenship) for himself wife and children.[6]

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Many of these men, instead of going into civil life, elected to remain in the Army, and so were embodied in the Vexillarii of their own Legion, becoming in the most literal sense of the word, Volunteer soldiers.

R. N. (APPLEBY) MILLER, F.I.A., *Lieut.*,
6th North. Fusrs. (T.A. Res.).

THE RANK AND FILE OF THE WEST AFRICAN FRONTIER FORCE.

AN APPRECIATION.

BY MAZO.

What jolly fellows they are. Rarely without smiles on their faces, even when in adversity. A man awarded 168 hours cells will laugh at himself and bear no malice, and it is certain that his comrades will well and truly pull his leg later on. When a man asks leave to go home, a standing joke which will always extract a laugh from him, is to ask him on which of his relations a feast is being prepared. I can remember in pre-war days the keenness and zeal of the men over the smallest part of their training and their healthy spirit of rivalry and emulation. In the quiet of the evenings one used to see them bringing up their offspring in the way they should go, teaching wee "pikkins," as they call their children, to stand to attention and salute, a small "swagger stick" being often the only form of clothing and equipment affected by the infants.

They display an interest in games, some lawful and some unlawful. Under the former category we have polo, which quite a number of the now extinct M.I. used to play with success, football (soccer) and athletic sports. They play football with bare feet and there is often much difficulty in confining the sides to 11 men each. Unless carefully watched, the audience will join in by driblets, not understanding why they should be excluded. It is a question whether this does not show a healthier outlook than what is often deplored throughout the football season in this country, with tens of thousands watching twenty-two professionals playing while they themselves never take any actual part in a game. Many units now have their annual athletic meetings, at which it is pleasing to observe that medals have in some cases replaced money prizes, but the keenness and *esprit-de-corps* remain just as great. Under the category of unlawful games may be included various games of skill and chance, but as gambling leads to "palavers," it is sternly repressed. Nevertheless, "cha-cha," the principal game played, will never be stopped, for the soldiers are inveterate gamblers. Even the inevitable orderly room next day will not deter the determined offender. But after all there is no vice in this, the odds on being found out are weighed and the stolen joys of a gamble are experienced with open eyes.

Before the war, certainly, and since the war, perhaps to a lesser extent, it is extraordinary how often East and West Africa have become merged in the imagination of the average Briton. Prospective travellers to Lagos have been asked to take messages to Nairobi and there is an authenticated case of an officer about to proceed to Calabar being asked to call on some people at Freetown in Sierra Leone. A relative of mine, on telling an acquaintance that I was in the Cameroons, was electrified to receive in reply the query, "Do you mean the Cameronians or the Cameron Highlanders?"

This being so, it may be of interest to expound exactly in what Colonies our West African soldiers are to be found.

Beginning in the North, we find units of the West African Frontier Force in the Gambia (1 Company), Sierra Leone (1 Battalion), the Gold Coast (1 Battalion and a Battery of Artillery) and Nigeria with the mandatory sphere of the Cameroons (4 Battalions, a Battery of Artillery and a Light Mortar Battery).

Much has been talked and written about the voluntary armies of Great Britain, of the spontaneous outburst of loyalty which filled the ranks of the earlier units of the New Armies. But the Briton was very closely and personally affected and it was unquestionably his moral duty to go and join something. With the African it was not so. However much to his benefit it might be to keep the German out, it was less obvious to him, and the most he might reasonably have been expected to do without pressure was to defend his own frontiers.

Let us see what actually occurred. The West African Frontier Force, in addition to the normal obligatory garrisons, found service units for various theatres of war. The Gold Coast Regiment was responsible for our first Colonial acquisition, Togoland. All units of the W.A.F.F. found and kept up to strength service contingents in the Cameroons, and at the close of that campaign, when the soldiers might fairly have considered their moral obligations discharged, Nigeria formed a composite Brigade, the Gold Coast a Regiment and the Gambia a Company for service overseas in German East Africa. These units were manned entirely by voluntary starters. Training Centres were established to supply drafts, and recruits poured in without the slightest recourse having to be made to a "press gang."

Even then the indomitable spirit of the African soldier was not stayed. Brigades for service in Palestine were formed in Nigeria and the Gold Coast of men voluntarily offering their services with full knowledge and, in some cases, personal experience of the heavy toll of battle casualties and sickness, of short rations and discomforts of every kind during the recent campaign in German East Africa.

A severe epidemic of influenza and the signing of the Armistice prevented these Brigades being actively employed, but the spirit that filled them remained to animate the post war W.A.F.F.

It will be interesting to divert for a moment to see what our comrades on the East Coast achieved. The King's African Rifles expanded from 3 to 22 Battalions, kept these Battalions up to strength and fought throughout the war with conspicuous gallantry in German and Portuguese East Africa in offensive warfare far from their homes and frontiers. This was, moreover, successfully carried out without having recourse to any form of conscription.

I have tried to show the stout-heartedness of the African soldiers as a whole, and I will now illustrate it by a few individual incidents within my personal experience,

5.—Encyclopædia Britannica—"Roman Army"—Vol. XXIII., p. 473.

6.—"Vexillatio. A body of troops united under one flag," Rich. Illus. Compan. to Roman Antq.

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In the early stages of the Cameroon campaign, a small column, approximately 100 strong, was threading its way through dense bush by a narrow path after a night march, with the intention of attacking a German post on the Cross River. In the early dawn the action opened and such deployment as was possible was carried out. My little commando had just got into position and were lying down when I felt myself seized by the ankles and heaved backwards. At first I thought it might be a novel way of being taken prisoner, but in reality it was Sergeant Kachella Kukawa, one of my Hausa section commanders, who thought it was wrong that his Officer should be between him and the firing and so had set about reversing the position, in order that he might cover me. A few days later he was found lying dead over the body of one of his Company Officers who had been killed during a charge. I like to think that this was no coincidence, but that the spirit of the African soldier prompted him to the end.

During a small action in German East Africa a Yoruba Machine Gunner was shot in the arm. He was told to go to the dressing station and get tied up. I myself saw him later on with his arm smothered in blood and a broad grin all over his face. He assigned as his reason for staying in the line, " I go watch you drive them Germans before I go Dokiter." There's a " happy warrior " for you !

Private Joseph Williams, of the Nigeria Regiment, a Christian, received some six wounds in a fight south of the Rufiji River in German East Africa, of which the destruction of his lower jaw was not the worst. When found he was coolly fanning himself with a palm leaf, and three days later was seen in Hospital with a cigarette adhering to his remaining upper lip and making signs and sounds for " chop." A stout heart must have been beating under his black skin. There was a tragic sequel to this. He was sent to England and treated at Sidcup. An artificial jaw was fitted to him and he was sent back to Nigeria only to die of influenza within a few days of landing.

These are three cases of a Mahomedan, a Yoruba and a Christian, showing the leaven that leavens the whole lump.

They are generous to a high degree. There were several cases during the " starvation " era on the Rufiji River in which soldiers (and native servants too) offered their white men part of their diminutive ration for fear that they (the white men) would not be able to get on as well without their customary diet. Many " money palavers " have their origin in generous impulses. One soldier lends another money to get him out of a hole. The latter forgets to pay and a dispute occurs, but the defaulting debtor will readily lend to his creditor later on if the conditions become reversed.

What evolves this first rate product? To begin with the material is good. Secondly there is unquestionably a strong sense of loyalty to the Great King, whose immediate representatives from the soldier's point of view are his Officers and British N.C.O.'s. His faith in them until they play him false is implicit, and woe to him who does so play him false. No mercy should be shown to such an one. In pre-war days Officers, British N.C.O.'s and native ranks were all friends together, their objects were the same, so were their sympathies and their outlook; they all worked together for King, Country and Regiment; so they did in the War and so does the good work go on now.

If these lines should meet the eye of any British subaltern who has not yet served a tour with native troops, let him take his first chance of seeing with his own eyes that what I have written is true, and that in loyalty, valour, *esprit-de-corps* and cheeriness in all his works, the African soldier is hard to beat.

MEDAL ROLLS OF THE FIFTH.

By Alfred Brewis.

It is hoped to publish month by month a roll of the Regiment's various campaigns and the writer proposes to give a short description of the medal and ribbon followed by a list of names of all ranks entitled to receive this particular medal. These rolls are not a mere dry list of names, as war medals, with their varied clasps, write the Regiment's history in each campaign; should the Regiment be represented by more than one of its units, then the variety in the medals becomes of more interest.

Our Editor suggests that a few hints on how to set about making a collection would not be out of place, as these articles may encourage some of the readers of the *Gazette* to start this hobby for the ultimate good of one of the Regimental collections.

The Fifth is a popular regiment, and when specimens appear at the monthly London sales there is a strong competition for medals of the earlier campaigns. The beginner may be discouraged by the high prices secured, compared with similar medals to less " fashionable " units. However, at a reasonable cost an interesting collection may be got together if, at first, the beginner is content to concentrate on even only South Africans and those of the Great War.

There were a number of Northumberland Fusiliers units in South Africa, 1899-1902. These medals have a variety of clasps —some have seven clasps on the Queen's and a further two on the King's. The writer formed a " Modder River " collection of medals to the units of Lord Methuen's Division, thus including several interesting medals of the various battleships which supplied seamen for the naval brigade.

Medals for the Great War give a big scope for the collector of Northumberland Fusiliers, as he has nearly fifty battalions to deal with. The set of two, three or four to one man will become more difficult to obtain as time goes on, and the Star or Victory is separated from the M.M. or general service silver medal. There are collectors who try to obtain a representative medal of each unit in the division in which they are interested—the 34th Division had eleven Northumberland Fusilier battalions, if the 24/27 is counted as a new unit.

Unfortunately, there is no roll of the holders of the Regimental Medal, founded in 1767; particulars of this order of merit were given in the *Gazette* of August, 1923, so the first roll is :—

The Peninsular War, 1808-1814.

In 1810 George III. authorised the issue of a small gold medal in commemoration of the victories in the Peninsular War; this was given to field officers and to those who succeeded in actual command of a battalion during an engagement. The medals which would have been conferred upon the fallen were forwarded to their relatives, a bar being added for each engagement, and it was ordered in 1813 that the bars be limited to two. Upon a claim for a fourth mark of distinction being admitted a gold cross was awarded in place of the gold medal, and for a fifth engagement a bar was issued and worn on the ribbon from which the cross was suspended.

Gold Medal Roll.

Lt.-Col.	John Mackenzie..	Roleia and Vimera ..	Killed at Corunna, 1809
,,	Thomas Emes ..	Corunna	Died in West Indies, 1824
,,	Edward Copson, C.B.	Talavera	Died, 1822.
,,	Hon. Henry King, K.C.B...	Busaco, Salamanca ..	Died, 1839.
,,	Henry Ridge ..	Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz	Killed at Badajoz, 1812.
Major	Richard Bishop ..	Badajoz, Salamanca ..	Died, 1822.

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Gold Cross.

*Lt.-Col. Charles Pratt, K.C.B. .. .. Salamanca, Vittoria, Nivelle, Orthes, Toulouse .. .. Died, 1838.

The above roll records in letters of gold almost the whole history of the two battalions in the Napoleonic War, 1808-1814.

The first battalion, under Mackenzie, landed in Portugal, August, 1808, and at once fought at Roleia and Vimiera; the invasion of Spain later in the year ended at Corunna. Colonel Mackenzie was killed and buried close to Sir John Moore. Major Emes took command of the Regiment and safely embarked the battalion for England next day, 17th January, 1809. A small reserve company of the FIFTH had been left behind at Lisbon, and this was reinforced by recovered sick and stragglers from all regiments sent back during the Corunna advance. This composite company formed the second Battalion of Detachments under Major Edward Copson which fought at Talavera, July, 1809, and afterwards nearly 100 of these first battalion men were drafted into the second battalion. The second Fifth, under Lieut.-Col. the Hon. Henry King, having landed at Lisbon in July, formed part of Picton's Division; in 1810 "Busaco" was the first honour gained by this six-year-old battalion. In King's absence, owing to ill-health, the battalion was commanded by Major Ridge at the sieges of Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz; in 1812 at Salamanca King commanded the Brigade so Major Bishop received a clasp for his Badajoz gold medal.

The remnant of the first FIFTH which returned from the fever stricken Island of Walcheren in 1809, after two years' home service, landed at Lisbon in July, 1812, over 1,000 strong, and under Colonel Pratt fought at Salamanca in the 3rd Division alongside the second battalion. Shortly after the first FIFTH took over a few effective soldiers from the second before King's war-worn battalion returned home to recruit after three years of continuous fighting. Sir Charles Pratt's gold cross records the Pyrenean honours of the Regiment.

THE MILITARY GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL.

It was not till June, 1847, that Queen Victoria commanded that a silver medal should be conferred on every surviving officer and soldier present at any battle or siege for which gold medals had previously been given. This medal was issued in 1848, and though forty years had elapsed since Roleia fourteen officers survived to claim this first Peninsular clasp, and 21 officers of the two battalions claimed Salamanca. The ribbon is crimson with blue edges, 1¼in. wide, that for the gold medal is 1¾in. wide.

OFFICERS.

Name.	Rank.	Roleia	Vimiera	Corunna	Talavera	Busaco	Fuentes d'Onor	Ciudad Rodrigo	Badajoz	Salamanca	Vittoria	Pyrenees	Nivelle	Nive	Orthes	Toulouse	..	Total clasps
Ayshford, Aaron Moore	Ensign	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Bartley, John M.	Asst. Surgn.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Bateman, R.	Captain	–	–	–	–	–		–			1	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
*Belton, Samuel	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	–	–	1	1	1	1	..	7
Bent, John	Lieut., Capt.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	..	5
Bird, C.E.	Lieutenant	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	..	6
Bone, Hugh	Asst. Surgn.	1	1	1	–											–	..	3
Canch, Thomas	Lieutenant	1	1	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	–		1	1	1	1	..	12
Clerke, T. H. Shadwell	,,	1	1	1	–	1	–	–	–					–	–	–	..	4
Cells, William	Sergt. and Qrmr.	1	1	1	–	–	–	–		1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	4
Doyle, Michael F.	Captain	1	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	..	7
Drewry, F. G.	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–		–	–	1	1	..	3
Foot, Joseph	Ensign	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–		..	3
Foote, John H. R.	Ensign	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
Girling, T. A.	Lieutenant	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
Greaves, George	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	..	5
Grey, John	Major, aft. K.C.B.	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Hamer, M. G.	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	..	3
Hamilton, John S.	Captain	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	–	–	..	3
Hamilton, Joseph B.	Ensign	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Hamilton, Nicholas	Captain	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Harden, Nathaniel	Ensign	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Harding, William	,,	–		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	6
Henderson, William	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	–		–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	7
Henslock, Henry	Sergt., aft Qrmr.	1	1	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	8
Hilliard, Christopher	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	10
Hopkins, W. R.	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	4
Johnson, D. E.	,,	1	1	1	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	8
Leech, John	Lt. & Adjt.	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	5
L'Estrange, H. P.	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	4
Lynn, W. B.	Asst. Surgn.	–	–	–		–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	1	1	..	8
MacNish, William	,,	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
*Macpherson, J.	Lieutenant	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	4
O'Dell, Henry E.	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	..	9
Pennington, Joseph M.	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	11
Pennington, R.	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	..	6
Spearman, John	Captain	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	1	–	1	1	..	9
*Tiller, William	Sergt., aft Qrmr.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	..	4
Wallace, Robert	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
Watson, J. T.	Qrmr.	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	1	1	..	6
*Welsh, Jonas	Lieutenant	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	10
DETACHED OFFICERS.																		
Berford, R.	Ensign	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	9
Campbell, B.	,,	–	–	–	–	–	1	§	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	1	..	7
*Dundas, L.	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	–	1	§	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
*Hogg, Thomas	Surgeon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	..	1
Still, Nathaniel	Captain	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	..	2

§ Campbell and Dundas had "Albuera."

Major Archibald Campbell served with the Portugese and was awarded the Portugese Gold Cross for five campaigns and a special gold medal for Albuera—both of these are in the First Battalion's collection. Colonel Pratt's K.C.B. star, gold cross *and* gold medal are in the collection of Colonel A. E. Whitaker, C.B.E The special medals to Quartermaster Watson and Sergeant Jones were described on page 129 of the August, 1923, *Gazette*. Those medals marked with an * are in the above named, or some other, private collection.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN.

Name.	Rank.	Roleia	Vimiera	Corunna	Talavera	Busaco	Fuentes d'Onor	Ciudad Rodrigo	Badajoz	Salamanca	Vittoria	Pyrenees	Nivelle	Nive	Orthes	Toulouse	..	Total clasps
Adams, Andrew	Private	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	4
*Addicott, John	Sergeant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	..	2
Aldridge, John	Private	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	..	5
Appleton, John	Sergeant	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	..	4
Armstrong, Christopher	Corporal	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	..	2
Armstrong, William	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	–	1	1	..	5
Ayland, Charles	,,	1	1	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	6
*Balding, James	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	1	..	4
Baldry, Edward	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Ball, Henry	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	..	5
Barber, Thomas	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	..	4
Barker, Robert	,,	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	1	..	6
Barnes, William	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
*Bartlett, Benjamin	Sergeant	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	8
Bastow, Thomas	Private	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	1	1	..	8
Bay, Benjamin	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	1	..	5
Baylan, Patrick	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	1	..	6

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Name.	Rank.	Roleia	Vimiera	Corunna	Talavera	Busaco	Fuentes d'Onor	Ciudad Rodrigo	Badajoz	Salamanca	Vittoria	Pyrenees	Nivelle	Nive	Orthes	Toulouse		Total clasps
Bee, George	Private	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	1	1	..	8
*Belchambers, Benjamin	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	1	–	..	5
Bennett, John	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	1	1	..	5
Bennett, John	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	1	1	..	6
Benson, Samuel	Sergeant	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	1	..	6
Bird, William	Private	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Bishop, Thomas	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	..	3
Blake, Robert	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
Blight, William	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
Bodsly, Thomas	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	1	1	..	5
Boordman, Peter	Sergeant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	..	3
*Bowness, John	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
*Brookes, John	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	11
Brown, James	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	1	1	–	..	6
Brown, John	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	–	1	1	..	5
*Brown, Samuel	Drummer	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	..	2
Brown, Stephen	Private	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	..	6
Brownley, Samuel	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	..	2
Buckland, William	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	1	..	4
Buggins, Patrick	,,	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	10
Burridge, William	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	..	1
Burrows, Daniel	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Burtenwood, Thomas	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Cable, George	Corporal	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
Callary, Thomas	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	7
Callow, Cyprus	Drummer	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	4
Carbury, Thomas	Private	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Carr, George	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	..	5
Carran, William	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	7
Carrigan, Thomas	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	4
*Carter, William	,,	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	..	5
Cartey, Michael	,,	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	..	6
*Charles, Barney	,,	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Clark, John	Corporal	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Clarke, Samuel	Private	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Class, Edward	Sergeant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
*Cleverly, John	Private	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	8
Clough, John	Corporal	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	5
Coles, William	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	1	1	..	6
Collins, William	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	..	4
Connor, Patrick	,,	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	1	1	..	8
Cooper, John	,,	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	..	4
Cooper, Matthew	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
*Cotterill, Thomas	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	–	–	1	1	..	5
*Cox, John	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	..	4
Cullum, James	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
*Cumberford, James	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	1	–	..	4
Dale, William	,,	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Daniel, Francis	,,	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	1	..	7
Daniel, John	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	–	..	3
Davis, Edward	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Davis, Samuel	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	..	2
Dobbs, Thomas	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	1	1	–	–	1	1	–	..	6
Domington, James	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Donnor, Thomas	,,	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	5
Drewitt, Charles	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	4
Duffy, Philip	Sergeant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	..	2
Durant, Thomas	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Eason, James	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
Ecklin, Christopher	Sergeant	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
Eno, Thomas	Private	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	–	1	1	..	2
Ensell, Thomas	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	7
Evans, Edward	,,	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	1	1	..	7
Ewen, Stephen	,,	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
*Farley, John	,,	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Farmery, Robert	Sergeant	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	4
Feane, James	Private	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Ferns, Thomas	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	..	5
Fieldhouse, Joseph	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	–	–	..	3
Fish, William	Sergeant	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	1	1	–	..	5
Fitzpatrick, Bernard	Private	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
*Flannigan, Michael	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Fox, John	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Freeker, George	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1

Name.	Rank.	Roleia	Vimiera	Corunna	Talavera	Busaco	Fuentes d'Onor	Ciudad Rodrigo	Badajoz	Salamanca	Vittoria	Pyrenees	Nivelle	Nive	Orthes	Toulouse		Total clasps
Freemantle, George	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	..	3
Frith, William	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	–		..	3
Furnace, William	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Gallop, William	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Gardener, George	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Gasden, Allen	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	1	..	4
Gates, William	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	..	2
*Gilder, Joseph	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	1	1	..	5
Giles, Stephen	,,	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	1	1	..	8
Glass, William	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	..	5
*Gough, Issac	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Gould, Charles	Sergeant	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Graham, Hugh	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	1	1	..	6
*Grant, Robert	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Griffiths, James	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
Guy, Frederick	,,	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	1	1	..	7
Hackinson, John	,,	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
Hall, Samuel	,,	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Hall, William	,,	1	1	1	1	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	8
*Harper, Robert	,,	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
*Harris, Edward	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	1	–	..	4
*Harris, Thomas	,,	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	4
Harrison, Zachariah	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
Hawke, Richard	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	4
Hayden, William	Sergeant	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	1	..	6
Hayes, William	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
*Hayter, James	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	..	2
*Healy, Jeremiah	,,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	9
*Heath, Charles	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	1	–	..	3
Heath, Robert	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1		..	4
Hemming, Benjamin	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Hinton, John	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–				..	1
*Hodkinson, John	,,	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
Hogbin, William	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	1	1		..	5
Hollington, James	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Holloway, Joseph	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Hooker, William	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	..	3
Hooper, Robert	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Hughes, James	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1		..	2
Hull, James	,,	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
*James, John	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	..	3
*Jeane, James	,,	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
Jeedale, John	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	2
Jeffery, John	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	4
Jennings, Anthony	,,	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	..	9
*Jones, John	Sergeant	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	5
Joynes, Timothy	Private	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	–	1	1	..	8
Kay, Robert	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	4
Kelly, Thomas	,,	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	1	..	8
*Kemp, John	,,	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
King, Richard	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	..	6
King, William	Corporal	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	5
Knowles, James	Private	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	4
Knowles, John	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	..	7
Knowlton, John	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	1	1		..	4
Lance, Samuel	Sergeant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	..	1
Land, William	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	1	1	..	6
Lane, George	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	7
Large, Joshua	Corporal	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1		..	3
Larkham, Jacob	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1		..	3
*Lawrence, Edward	Drummer	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	1	..	8
Lee, John	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1		..	2
Lemmon, Thomas	,,	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	3
*Lewis, Robert	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	1	1	..	5
Liddard, John	Corporal	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	..	3
Linegar, William	Private	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	1	1	1	1	..	9
Lisson, Peter	Qrmr.-Sgt.	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	6
*Lloyd, Adam	Private	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Lough, Thomas	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	1	1	–	1	1	..	9
Lunn, Thomas	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Lyne, Samuel	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
Malson, Patrick	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	1	1		..	5
*Maw, Thomas	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	1	1		..	10
Marlow, Francis	,,	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	..	4

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Gold Cross.

*Lt.-Col. Charles Pratt, K.C.B. .. .. Salamanca, Vittoria, Nivelle, Orthes, Toulouse .. .. Died, 1838.

The above roll records in letters of gold almost the whole history of the two battalions in the Napoleonic War, 1808-1814.

The first battalion, under Mackenzie, landed in Portugal, August, 1808, and at once fought at Roleia and Vimiera; the invasion of Spain later in the year ended at Corunna. Colonel Mackenzie was killed and buried close to Sir John Moore. Major Emes took command of the Regiment and safely embarked the battalion for England next day, 17th January, 1809. A small reserve company of the FIFTH had been left behind at Lisbon, and this was reinforced by recovered sick and stragglers from all regiments sent back during the Corunna advance. This composite company formed the second Battalion of Detachments under Major Edward Copson which fought at Talavera, July, 1809, and afterwards nearly 100 of these first battalion men were drafted into the second battalion. The second Fifth, under Lieut.-Col. the Hon. Henry King, having landed at Lisbon in July, formed part of Picton's Division; in 1810 "Busaco" was the first honour gained by this six-year-old battalion. In King's absence, owing to ill-health, the battalion was commanded by Major Ridge at the sieges of Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz; in 1812 at Salamanca King commanded the Brigade so Major Bishop received a clasp for his Badajoz gold medal.

The remnant of the first FIFTH which returned from the fever stricken Island of Walcheren in 1809, after two years' home service, landed at Lisbon in July, 1812, over 1,000 strong, and under Colonel Pratt fought at Salamanca in the 3rd Division alongside the second battalion. Shortly after the first FIFTH took over a few effective soldiers from the second before King's war-worn battalion returned home to recruit after three years of continuous fighting. Sir Charles Pratt's gold cross records the Pyreneian honours of the Regiment.

THE MILITARY GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL.

It was not till June, 1847, that Queen Victoria commanded that a silver medal should be conferred on every surviving officer and soldier present at any battle or siege for which gold medals had previously been given. This medal was issued in 1848, and though forty years had elapsed since Roleia fourteen officers survived to claim this first Peninsular clasp, and 21 officers of the two battalions claimed Salamanca. The ribbon is crimson with blue edges, 1¼in. wide, that for the gold medal is 1¾in. wide.

OFFICERS.

Name.	Rank.	Roleia	Vimiera	Corunna	Talavera	Busaco	Fuentes d'Onor	Ciudad Rodrigo	Badajoz	Salamanca	Vittoria	Pyrenees	Nivelle	Nive	Orthes	Toulouse	Total clasps
Ayshford, Aaron Moore	Ensign	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Bartley, John M.	Asst. Surgn.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Bateman, R.	Captain	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
*Belton, Samuel	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	–	–	1	1	1	1	7
Bent, John	Lieut., Capt.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Bird, C.E.	Lieutenant	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	6
Bone, Hugh	Asst. Surgn.	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Cauch, Thomas	Lieutenant	1	1	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	1	1	1	1	12
Clerke, T. H. Shadwell	,,	1	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Colls, William	Sergt. and Qrmr.	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Doyle, Michael F.	Captain	1	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	7
Drewry, F. G.	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	3
Foot, Joseph	Ensign	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	3
Foote, John H. R.	Ensign	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Girling, T. A.	Lieutenant	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Greaves, George	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	5
Grey, John	Major, aft. R.C.B.	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Hamer, M. G.	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	3
Hamilton, John S.	Captain	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	–	–	3
Hamilton, Joseph B.	Ensign	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Hamilton, Nicholas	Captain	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Harden, Nathaniel	Ensign	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Harding, William	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Henderson, William	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Henslock, Henry	Sergt., aft Qrmr.	1	1	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	8
Hilliard, Christopher	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Hopkins, W. R.	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Johnson, D. E.	,,	1	1	1	–	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	8
Leech, John	Lt.- & Adjt.	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	5
L'Estrange, H. P.	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Lynn, W. B.	Asst. Surgn.	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	1	1	8
MacNish, William	,,	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
*Macpherson, J.	Lieutenant	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
O'Dell, Henry E.	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	–	9
Pennington, Joseph M.	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Pennington, R.	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	6
Spearman, John	Captain	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	1	–	1	1	9
*Tiller, William	Sergt., aft. Qrmr.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	4
Wallace, Robert	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Watson, J. T.	Qrmr.	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	1	1	6
*Welsh, Jonas	Lieutenant	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10

DETACHED OFFICERS.

Berford, R.	Ensign	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Campbell, B.	,,	–	–	–	–	1	§	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	1	1	7
*Dundas, L.	Lieutenant	–	–	–	–	1	§	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
*Hogg, Thomas	Surgeon	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Still, Nathaniel	Captain	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	2

§ Campbell and Dundas had "Albuera."

Major Archibald Campbell served with the Portugese and was awarded the Portugese Gold Cross for five campaigns and a special gold medal for Albuera—both of these are in the First Battalion's collection. Colonel Pratt's K.C.B. star, gold cross *and* gold medal are in the collection of Colonel A. E. Whitaker, C.B.E The special medals to Quartermaster Watson and Sergeant Jones were described on page 129 of the August, 1923, *Gazette*. Those medals marked with an * are in the above named, or some other, private collection.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN.

Name.	Rank.	Roleia	Vimiera	Corunna	Talavera	Busaco	Fuentes d'Onor	Ciudad Rodrigo	Badajoz	Salamanca	Vittoria	Pyrenees	Nivelle	Nive	Orthes	Toulouse	Total clasps
Adams, Andrew	Private	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
*Addicott, John	Sergeant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	2
Aldridge, John	Private	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	5
Appleton, John	Sergeant	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	4
Armstrong, Christopher	Corporal	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	2
Armstrong, William	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	–	1	1	5
Ayland, Charles	,,	1	1	–	–	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6
*Balding, James	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	1	4
Baldry, Edward	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	3
Ball, Henry	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	5
Barber, Thomas	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	4
Barker, Robert	,,	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	1	6
Barnes, William	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	2
*Bartlett, Benjamin	Sergeant	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Bastow, Thomas	Private	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	1	1	8
Bay, Benjamin	,,	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	1	5
Baylan, Patrick	,,	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	1	6

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Name.	Rank.	Roleia	Vimiera	Corunna	Talavera	Busaco	Fuentes d'Onor	Ciudad Rodrigo	Badajoz	Salamanca	Vittoria	Pyrenees	Nivelle	Nive	Orthes	Toulouse		Total clasps
Bee, George	Private	I	I	I	–	–	–	–	–	I	I	I	–	–	I	I	..	8
*Belchambers, Benjamin	,,	–	–	–	–	–	I	I	I	I	–	–	–	I	–		..	5
Bennett, John	,,	–	–	I	–	–	–	–	I	I	–	–	–	I	I		..	5
Bennett, John	,,	–	–	I	–	–	–	–	I	I	I	–	–	I	I		..	6
Benson, Samuel	Sergeant	–	I	I	–	–	–	–	I	I	I	–	–	–	I		..	6
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*Gough, Issac	,,	–	–	I	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	1
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Tarrant, Thomas	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	I	I	I	–	–	I	I	.. 5
Taylor, Elias	,,	–	–	I	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	I	.. 3
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Thomas, Richard	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	I	–	I	–	I	I	.. 4
*Tolleday, William	,,	I	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	.. 1
Trigg, John	,,	–	–	I	–	–	–	–	–	I	–	–	–	–	–	–	.. 2
Triggs, William	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	I	–	I	–	I	I	.. 4
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Tubbs, Thomas	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	I	–	–	–	–	–	–	.. 1
Tucking, Richard	Sergeant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	I	–	I	–	I	I	.. 4
Turner, Edward	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	I	I	–	I	I	–	–	I	I	.. 6
*Twine, William	,,	–	–	I	–	–	I	I	I	I	I	–	I	–	–	I	.. 9
Varrell, Samuel	,,	–	–	–	–	I	–	–	–	I	I	–	–	–	–	I	.. 4
*Vasen, Patrick	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	I	I	–	–	–	–	.. 2
Vincent, James	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	I	.. 1
Wakeland, James	,,	I	I	I	–	–	–	–	–	I	I	I	I	I	–	–	.. 8
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Walters, John	,,	I	I	I	–	–	–	–	–	I	I	I	–	–	I	I	.. 8
*Ware, John	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	I	–	I	I	.. 3
Warrener, William	,,	I	I	I	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	.. 3
Wayson, William	Sergeant	–	–	I	–	–	–	–	I	I	–	–	–	I	I	–	.. 5
Weeks, John	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	I	I	–	–	–	–	–	–	.. 2
Wescott, Charles	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	I	I	I	I	–	–	I	–	.. 5
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Wright, Daniel	,,	–	–	I	–	–	–	–	I	I	–	–	–	–	–	–	.. 3
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Wyatt, William	Bugler	–	–	–	–	I	–	I	I	I	–	–	–	–	–	–	.. 4
Wynne, Arthur	Private	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	I	I	.. 2
Yeates, James	,,	–	–	–	–	–	–	I	–	I	I	–	–	–	–	–	.. 3

The services of the recipients in the above list can, by their clasps, be divided into five classes :—

First Battalion :

(*a*) Men who fought up to Corunna and left Spain, returning for Salamanca, etc., such as J. Aldridge.

(*b*) Those who were left on the Peninsula and were drafted into the second battalion for Busaco, etc., such as C. Ayland.

(*c*) Men who went out with the battalion in 1812, such as W. Armstrong.

Second Battalion :

(*d*) Men who went out in 1809 and returned home after Salamanca, such as Andrew Adams.

(*e*) Those who were drafted into the new 1/5th, such as J. Brookes.

Lieutenant Canch's is the most notable of the officers' medals. Going out with the First in 1808, after Talavera he exchanged into the Second, and back to the 1/5th after Salamanca. Canch carried the Colours and was first up the ladders, both at Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz. Private Jeremiah Healy's medal with the first nine clasps is unique, and Stephen Morley—the writer of the " Memoirs of a Sergeant of 5th Foot "—had also the rare combination of Corunna and Talavera. Morley was taken prisoner during the Corunna retreat, but escaped into Portugal and joined Copson's battalion.

Captain Welsh's ten clasp medal and a copy of his commission as ensign in the FIFTH were reproduced in the *Gazette* for July, 1905.

(*To be continued*).

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MEMORANDUM.

Qrmr. and Lieut.-Colonel A. Landen, D.S.O., D.C.M., Extra-Regtl. List, retires on retired pay, having attained the age limit for retirement (dated 21st February).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following Gentlemen Cadets, from the Royal Military College, to be 2nd-Lieuts. (dated 31st January) :—A. C. Collingwood, M. N. E. Macmullen.

Capt. A. P. Garnier, M.B.E., M.C., is restored to the establishment (dated 21st January).

Capt. and Bt.-Major W. Platt, D.S.O., to be Major (dated 29th January) ; Lieut. H. F. Attwater to be Captain (dated 8th December, 1923).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Batt.—Major N. B. N. Good, M.C., resigns his commission (dated 16th February), and retains rank of Major.

5th Batt.—Major H. Gordon-Luhrs, C.M.G., T.D., resigns his commission (dated 9th February), and is granted the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

6th Batt.—Major J. McI. Gordon, M.C., T.D., 4th Batt., Gordons, vacates the appointment of Adjutant (dated 13th December, 1923) ; Captain J. T. Leese, N. Stafford Regt., to be Adjutant (dated 11th January).

7th Batt.—Lieut. J. Brown, M.C., resigns his commission (dated 28th January, 1922), and is granted rank of Captain (substituted for that which appeared in the *Gazette* of 27th January, 1922). 2nd-Lieut. W. C. W. Potts to be Lieut. (dated 17th January). 2nd-Lieut. E. C. Grey to be Lieut. (dated 17th January).

Obituary.

MAJOR ARCHIBALD CHARLES MILNE-HOME, M.C.

Born 19th December, 1881, Died 28th January, 1924.

We regret to record the death of Major A. C. Milne-Home, M.C., while on his way to West Africa, with the Inspector-General for a tour of inspection. The fourth son of the late Colonel David Milne-Home, M.P. for Berwick-on-Tweed (who led the Blues in the night charge at Kassassin), he was educated at Exeter School and Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he took his degree. He was gazetted 2nd-Lieut. 2nd December,

MAJOR A. C. MILNE-HOME.

1904, Lieut. 24th September, 1908, Captain 21st September, 1914, reaching Field-Rank in October last.

"Admi," as he was generally known in the FIFTH, was posted, on joining, to the late 4th Battalion, then at Limerick. About a year later he was posted to the 1st Battalion at Calcutta (for a short time was A.D.C. to the Governor of Bengal) and served with them at Peshawar, Rawal Pindi, Delhi and Deolali, from there in 1912 he went to the West African Frontier Force till August, 1915. From October, 1915, to March, 1916, he was Brigade Major to 8th Reserve Infantry Brigade and served till September, 1916, in a similar capacity to 170th Infantry Brigade, Home Forces. In October, 1916, he returned to Africa and went with the Nigerian Brigade to the campaign in German East Africa. For his services in this campaign he was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Military Cross.

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After the war, Admi remained at Lagos on the Staff for a year. In January, 1920, he was appointed Adjutant of the Depôt, where he was incidentally Secretary and Treasurer of the 1st and 2nd Battalions War Memorial. He was appointed Staff Officer to the Inspector General, West African Frontier Force, in November, 1921, and was still holding this appointment when he died of pneumonia on board R.M.S. *Appam* and was buried at sea.

His sudden death was a great shock to his many friends, and he will long be remembered as a thorough Regimental Officer of the old school, a staunch friend and popular with all ranks; he will be a great loss to the FIFTH. He was a true sportsman and keen shikari, he played cricket for 1st Batt. and Depôt, at Rugby football he was a tower of strength to his side. He will also be missed as a contributor to this *Gazette*.

He married in 1915 Katherine Mary O'Bryen, only daughter of the late Commander D. M. Forsyth, R.N., and to her and his three children we offer our deepest sympathy.

A Memorial Service to Major Milne-Home was held in St. Mathias' Church, Surbiton, on the 9th February, at which the Regiment was represented by Major-General Sir Percy Wilkinson and Lady Wilkinson, Colonel Sapte, Lieut.-Colonel Landen, Major St. John, Major H. C. Stephen and Mrs. Stephen, Capt. Cogan and Group-Capt. Bonham Carter and Mrs. Bonham Carter.

In addition to relatives and friends there were present representatives from the Colonial Office, and the local troop of Girl Guides. The service was conducted by the Rev. P. Boughey, who, as one of "Admi's" closest friends, delivered a most impressive address.

BT.-MAJOR E. S. SWAINE, M.C.

With a deep sense of shock and regret we heard of the death of Brevet-Major E. S. Swaine, M.C., which took place suddenly in India on the 30th January, whilst serving with the 2nd Battalion at Fyzabad.

Eric Scratton Swaine was born in 1892 and was the only surviving son of Lieut.-Colonel A. T. Swaine (late Royal Irish Rifles) and Mrs. Swaine, who are well known to many of the FIFTH.

After being educated at Marlborough and Sandhurst he was gazetted to the FIFTH early in 1912 and joined the 2nd Battalion at Hillsborough Barracks, Sheffield, where he only remained a few months before going out to India in the following trooping season to join the 1st Battalion at Mhow.

He remained in India a year, coming back with the 1st Battalion to Portsmouth in November, 1913. On the outbreak of the Great War Eric Swaine went to France with the 1st Battalion. He was twice wounded whilst with the 1st Battalion, but returned to France and served throughout the campaign. Besides being mentioned in despatches he was awarded a brevet-majority, Military Cross and Croix de Guerre. During part of the War he had commanded with conspicuous success a cyclist battalion, and won golden opinions as a Commanding Officer. After serving on the Rhine after the Armistice he joined the 2nd Battalion at Catterick in August, 1919, was appointed Adjutant and went out to Mesopotamia, where the Battalion was stationed at Mosul during the troublous times of the Mesopotamian Rebellion in 1919-1920—receiving the General Service Medal with clasp Iraq. With the 2nd Battalion he then went to India and was only home in 1922 on 8 months' leave.

It will thus be seen that during his 12 years' service he had had a strenuous time and had done remarkably well.

Besides the very great personal loss that we all who knew him feel at his early death at 32, one feels that he is a very great loss not only to the Army but to the FIFTH particularly, of which he was always so proud and loved to serve. There are few enough people like Eric Swaine in the world—so modest and unassuming and simple—he loved the simple pleasures of life, and that was perhaps one of his greatest charms. Possessed of very high ideals—straight as a die and the highest sense of duty—those were the things besides his charm as a friend which made him so beloved by us all.

Eric Swaine was not ambitious as a soldier—his greatest ambition was—and who could not say that it is not the finest ambition—to serve his Regiment and be a credit to his Regiment, and in this respect we can say that his ambition was fulfilled nobly.

As an Adjutant he was excellent, as calm and collected—no matter what the occasion—as he was efficient. During the reconstruction period after the War—on service in Mesopotamia and in normal times of peace, he rendered yeoman service to his Commanding Officer and his Battalion. Always accessible, always the most perfect manners and full of good advice he was beloved by Officers and men. Apart from his efficiency as a soldier, Eric Swaine was a great supporter of polo and all games, and always ready to turn out for any form of sport. We shall miss him and grieve his loss very much—not only as a very efficient soldier, but as a very beloved brother Officer and a very charming personality. It is difficult to fathom the sense of loss felt by his father and mother in their second bereavement—their other son was killed in action early in 1914 in the Great War—but we hope that it may be some slight comfort to them to know that in his short life Eric Swaine has left behind him a very great influence for all that is good in life.

MR. E. CROCKER, LATE 5TH FUSILIERS.

It is with regrett hat we learn of the death of Mr. E. Crocker, which occurred in London in Colindale Hospital, Hendon. Born in 1886, he joined the Regiment as No. 846 Private Crocker in 1905. He served a 9 years' engagement with the 1st and 2nd Battalions in foreign lands. When he went to the Reserve he joined the P.L.A. Police. On the outbreak of the War he rejoined the colours and fought in France and Salonica. In 1915 he was badly gassed, and the effect of this was the original cause of his ultimate and untimely death. On demobilization in 1919 he rejoined the Police, but in 1923 his continued ill-health forced him to give up, and he was discharged as medically unfit in October, 1923. He

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had many old friends in the London branch of the Old Comrades' Association. He was carried to his grave

MR. E. CROCKER.

under the flag which for so many years he had followed. He leaves a widow and one small son of 2 years. To them on behalf of all 5th Fusiliers we offer our deepest sympathy.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,

February, 1924.

Without a doubt the publication of the Military "Old Moore's Almanac" referred to in previous notes would greatly simplify the work of the unfortunate wretch who is faced with the quarterly toil of providing the matter for these pages. So easy it would be, our routine becomes daily more standardized; all the Battalion subscribers need do is to make a few marginal references to any departures from precedent, very few; and the Editor would hardly have to amend the block from one year to another.

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As it is convention demands that specimens of hot air like the preceding paragraph have to be ejected from the Contributor's Cranium in order to satisfy the modern craving for originality—as if originality was either useful or desirable. Why its positively dangerous to a Regimental soldier and is bound to bring him within the scope of unfavourable comment.

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Once it has been decided to eschew originality one's task becomes comparatively simple. Briefly the subjects to be disposed of during any ordinary February, and this has been a very ordinary February, are :—

(*a*) The Weather,
(*b*) Leave and Furlough,
(*c*) ?

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Taken seriatum and precemeal these subjects present no difficulty. As to the weather, why February Weather is February Weather all the world over—only its a bit more so here. It has been snowing for two days, oh readers—and there's lots and lots about and more to come. That of course doesn't stop leave or Furlough, which as a matter of fact stop themselves by exhaustion. Nearly everyone has been away and the few left to be polished off will depart very soon. So there you are—. Two headings disposed of—.

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As for heading C. The Miniature Range re-modelled is now in action. On it any enthusiastic Platoon Commander can stir his rifle sections into an orgy of enthusiasm for modern warfare. From the depths of a dry and comfortable trench they inflict considerable slaughter on a semi-invisible but thoroughly gentle enemy who appears to have forgotten his ammunition before the battle. Except for the lack of retaliation the whole business is most realistic and reflects great credit on the imagination of the training Cadre Staff and the ingenuity of the pioneers.

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It is believed that the rumour that these type of ranges are to be christened the "Heath Robinson mark 1 with knots" has been officially denied, but it seems a pity—at least one knows from where the inspiration was borne.

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The Commanding Officer has returned from his visit to the Depôt and a subsequent month's leave. Only about four Officers are now away, and the Mess is amazingly full for this time of the year.

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Since the last notes were written certain of our equestrians have indulged in the delicious excitements of deer hunting in the Koenigs Forest with a French pack. They return with strange tales of methods which appear to them to be somewhat unusual, and one and all speak glowingly of the grand horn work of the Master, the whips and divers other privileged ones who blew unceasingly on astounding trumpets. But its a day in the woodlands and as such not to be sniffed at.

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The sad news of the deaths of Major Milne Home and Major Swaine came as a severe shock to us all. These Officers were well known to both Battalions, and their loss will be greatly felt.

ARMY STAFF COLLEGE.

The following Officer has graduated at the Staff College, Camberley :—Captain A. P. Garnier, M.B.E., M.C., Northumberland Fusiliers.

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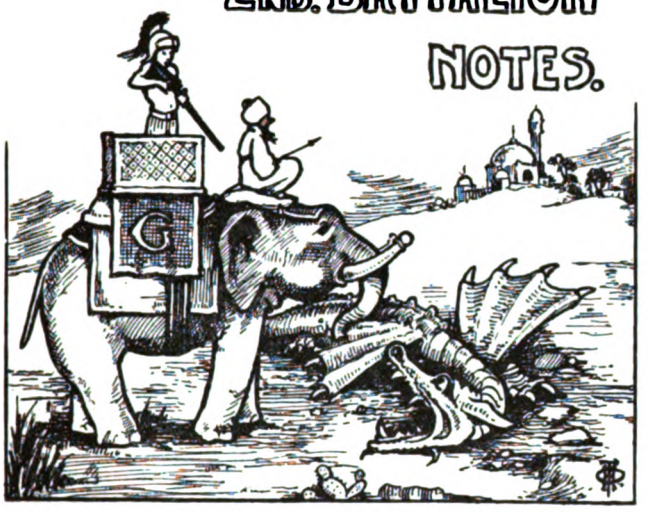
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,

INDIA,

21st January, 1924.

Christmas has come and gone, with a very full programme of dinners, polo, both horse and mule, football matches, fancy fair, and last but not least Company dances.

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Great rivalry between the various Companies was displayed in the arrangements made for these dances, which were held during Christmas and the following week, and the general results may be said to have been an unqualified success.

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Every Company considered its own dance to have been the best, but one Company was so confident of ultimate success, that it described itself in advance as NULLI SECONDUS. (Mr. Printer, please leave spelling unaltered).

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We are now entering on the early stages of the Lucknow Area

C COMPANY CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM:

Left to right LCE.-CPL. STIRLING, FUS. (00) WILSON, FUS. TROTTER, LCE.-CPL. WILLIAMS, FUS. HENDERSON, LCE.-CPL. BOLTON, FUS. ALLAN, FUS. VEITCH, FUS. HEDLEY, CPL. MORAN, FUS. KELLY, FUS. (62) WILSON, FUS. LARVIN, FUS. FITCH, SGT. POTTS, C.S.M. TYRRELL.

Tournament (football, hockey and sports). On Thursday last we met and defeated the football team of 16/5th Lancers, by 3 goals to 2. Details of this match will be sent in our next notes.

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Christmas Cards were received from the following:—Depôt, 1st Batt.; W.O.'s and Sergeants, 1st Batt.; 4th Batt.; W.O.'s and Sergeants, 2nd Batt.; Colonel W. N. Herbert, D.S.O.; Major and Mrs. R. Lamb; Major K. G. Williams; H.E. The C.-in-C., Lord Rawlinson; Lt.-Gen. Sir G. De Barrow; Maj.-Gen. J. H. K. Stewart; Colonel J. W. Sandilands; Captain P. A. Stewart, R.A.M.C.; 2nd K.S.L.I.; 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers; 1st D.C.L.I.; 16/5th Lancers; 1st Batt. West Yorkshire Regt.; 2nd Batt. Lincolnshire Regt.; 3rd/11th Sikh Regt. (Rattray's Sikhs); 5th Royal Gurkhas; 1st/1st (G.O.) Gurkha Rifles; 1st Royal Batt. 9th Jat Regt.; 3rd Batt. Royal Garhwal Rifles; Capt. E. H. Chapman; 2nd/2nd Bombay Pioneers.

CHRISTMAS WEEK, 1923.

Fyzabad during Christmas week presented a scene of great activity.

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A Gymkhana, football matches, a polo tournament, a fancy fair,

D COMPANY AT WORK ON CHRISTMAS DINNERS.

Photo by] [*Fusilier Geldard.*

Fusiliers' dances and Christmas tree, combined to make the week both full and festive, the gaiety indeed being carried on into the New Year, as all Companies were unable to hold their dances during Christmas week itself.

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The most notable event in the Gymkhana was the mule polo, each Company entering a team. The combatants were armed with hockey sticks, and some really creditable feats of rough-riding were performed, one especially deserving mention. A Fusilier of B Company, having been beaten from his mount during a melée round goal, the noble animal evinced a strong desire to return to the security of the transport lines; the rider, undeterred by this predelection of his mount, endeavoured to regain his seat by a prodigious leap, and succeeded in turning a complete somersault over the mule's back; upon reaching the ground on the other side, he received a sign of the mule's dislike of acrobatics, in the nature of a sharp kick; infuriated by this, he returned the blow with interest in the region of the animal's solar plexus, and by a second leap regained a position of insecurity on the beast's back, and encouraged by the cheers of the spectators dashed back into the fray.

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An abler pen has described the football matches elsewhere; but the match between the Officers *versus* Sergeants was most

FANCY FAIR: THE BAND.

exciting to watch, especially as the majority of the Officers were playing with more energy than skill.

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The most popular event of the week was undoubtedly the Fancy Fair, which was held on the Thursday morning. A programme had been arranged with the endeavour to suit all tastes. For the quick eye and hand there was Hosker and his barrel; for the steady thrower, there was Sgt. Jackson with his inimitable patter, who had his cokernuts nailed strongly to posts. For the curious there were the fortune teller and the "Hidden Treasurer"; for the football enthusiasts, "kicking at Dummies," and for the marksmen, the Shooting Gallery, with its unbreakable chatties, and its minute bullseyes.

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The inner man was also generously catered for by Sandal, and the Drum-Major with his "Korfee-Stall."

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Besides the side-shows, there were an Arts and Crafts Exhibition, a Dogs' Show, Musical Chairs on Mules, Dribbling the

FANCY FAIR: MOUNTED MUSICAL CHAIRS.

Football, Cock Fighting, and various kinds of races for both sexes of all ages.

The exhibitors in the "Arts and Crafts" are to be congratulated on the excellent work which they showed. A complete account of the Fair would, I fear, take up too much space, but mention must be made of the three clowns, Fusiliers Barnett, Murphy and Birnie, who contributed so largely to the success of the morning.

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I am told that the fortune teller on one occasion was in some doubt as to whether he was being offered a hand, or a leg of mutton.

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Great amusement was also caused by the efforts of the ladies in the animal drawing race, and by the lightning sketches of distinguished spectators made by Fusilier Barnett.

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The prizes for the various events were presented by Mrs. Ovans, at the conclusion of a most amusing morning.

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The next most popular events during the week were the

FANCY FAIR: BABY SHOW.

Left to right: MRS. OUZMAN, MRS. POLLARD, MRS. JACKSON.

Fusiliers' Dances, which were excellently arranged by the various Company Committees, and provided great enjoyment. We hope that we shall have as happy a Christmas this year.

FOOTBALL.

OFFICERS *v.* W.O.'S AND SERGEANTS.

This time-honoured fixture was played on Boxing Day, commencing at 4 p.m., and was attended by the Battalion in force, the ladies of the Regiment too being well represented.

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It might well be imagined that this game, played as it was on the day after Christmas Day, would prove too strenuous an undertaking for many of those participating in it, and that from the point of view of the spectators, it would appear dull and

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uninteresting, but indeed, such was not the case. What the players lacked in knowledge and proficiency in the game, was

FANCY FAIR: THE SHOOTING GALLERY.

entirely discounted by the energy they displayed: the game vibrated with enthusiasm and brought the onlookers to a state of breathless excitement bordering on hysteria.

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The game opened with a determined rush by the Officers towards their opponents' goal, which attained no material advantage but served to put the Sergeants on their mettle: they in their turn took the ball towards the Officers' goal, their excellent passing tactics being rewarded by a shot at goal in spite of the determined efforts of the opposing halves and backs to stop them.

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A goal kick by Major Foster, which served the Officers well since the ball came to ground well in their opponents' half, caused the game to start with redoubled vigour, and the Sergeants' backs were hard put to clear the ball from the proximity of their goal; this they succeeded in doing, and a further example of good passing between their forwards resulted in their scoring a goal through Sgt.-Major Tudor, which Mr. Hopper had little chance of saving.

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The game continued fairly evenly contested until half-time,

FANCY FAIR: THE DOG SHOW.

when lemons helped to assuage a thirst which on cessation of play seemed unquenchable.

On re-commencing the Sergeants pressed for the first few minutes, and came near to scoring, but the Officers' halves and backs played up gallantly, as did Mr. Hopper in goal, who managed to get the ball out of the danger zone when things looked serious.

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A corner kick by the Sergeants only resulted in the ball going behind, and the Officers were awarded a goal-kick.

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Major Foster again took the kick, and when the ball eventually landed it was within shooting distance of the Sergeants' goal. Mr. Cooper got the ball and passed to Captain Waight, who scored.

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Now that the scores stood at one goal each the game waxed fast and furious; at one moment it appeared that the Officers would score, at another moment that the Sergeants would, but no scoring occurred within the next ten minutes, although the Sergeants had some bad luck, and were pressing most of the time.

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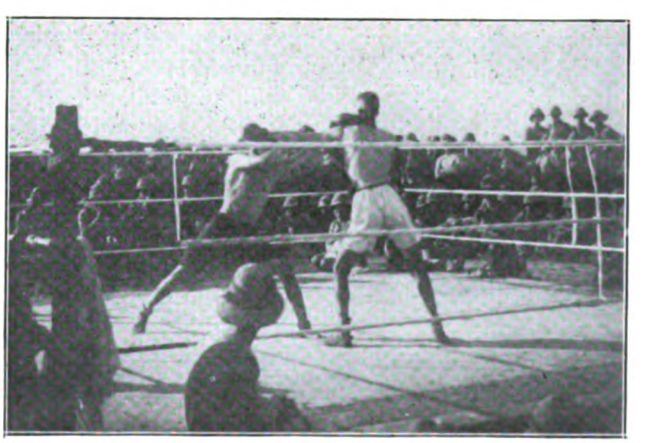

PURA GUMTI CAMP: NOVICES' BOXING TOURNAMENT.

up by the Officers' halves and backs, especially Mr. Fryer, could not withstand the determined attacks of the Sergeants, who scored again through R.Q.M.S. Capstaff.

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After this reverse the Officers redoubled their efforts, and by dint of hard work and forward combination Mr. Tarleton scored from a good pass from Captain Hogshaw.

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The score now stood at two goals all, and it seemed as if it would remain as such, honour satisfied on both sides, when O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson, with that dash which characterizes him on the football and hockey fields, seized an opening and registered the Sergeants' third and winning goal.

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Thus this exciting and enjoyable match resulted in a win for the Sergeants by three goals to two.

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Teams :—

Officers—Mr. Hopper; Major Foster and Mr. Pringle; Mr. Fryer, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Olver; Capt. Plummer, Mr. Tarleton, Capt. Waight, Capt. Hogshaw, and Mr. Earle.

Sergeants—C.S.M. Beck; Sgt. Sutrees and C.Q.M.S. Willson; R.S.M. Johnston, Sgt. Bowker and Sgt. Higgins; Sgt. Salt, C.S.M. Tudor, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, Sgt. Green and O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson.

CORPORALS *v.* FUSILIERS.

This match was played on the 28th December, and proved by the large number of spectators a very popular fixture. The game was expected to be fairly even, and although the Fusiliers were perhaps the favourites, the Corporals possessed some good players and were expected to give the Fusiliers a hard fight.

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As was anticipated the first half of the game proved very even, and it was not till just before half-time that the Fusiliers scored their first goal through Fus. Clayton.

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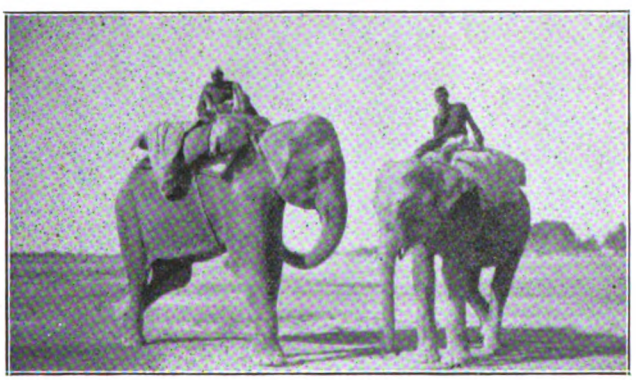
At half time the score stood at 1 goal to *nil* for the Fusiliers.



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THE ELEPHANTS REFERRED TO IN OUR LAST NOTES.

On recommencing the Fusiliers immediately pressed, and established a superiority, which they maintained until the end of the game. Fus. Clayton scored again, and three other goals were scored by Fusrs. Bell, Allan and Burns. The Corporals scored one goal through Lce.-Cpl. Cross.

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The game ended in a victory for the Fusiliers by 5 goals to 1.

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Teams :—

Corporals—Lce.-Cpl. Walker; Lce.-Cpl. Brice and Lce.-Cpl. Palmer; Cpl. Burdis, Cpl. Walker and Lce.-Cpl. Appleyard; Lce.-Cpl. Alder, Lce.-Cpl. Roy, Cpl. Wood, Lce.-Cpl. Cross and Lce.-Cpl. Evans.

Fusiliers—Fus. Cooper; Fus. Grimstone and Fus. Bland; Bdsmn. Jackson, Fus. Brooks and Fus. Allan; Fus. Burns, Fus. Bell, Fus. Turner, Fus. Clayton and Fus. Allan.

SHOOTING NOTES.

Little has been done since our return from Camp, everyone being fully occupied with the Christmas festivities.

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Five Officers, however, put in a few days in the Milkapur district, and returned with a bag of some 150 duck.

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We have often, in vain, scanned the back numbers of *St. George's Gazette* in the hopes of discovering what sort of bags the Regiment used to obtain in India in bygone days, and it occurred to the writer that some sort of record in the pages of the *Gazette* might be of use to Battalions serving in India in the future.

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Here is the 2nd Battalion record, kept since the departure of the Battalion from England in 1919 :—

	Mesopotamia.		Dinapore, India.	Fyzabad, India.	Total.
	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	
Fish	—	—	—	241	241
Elephant ..	—	—	—	2	2
Bison	—	—	3	2	5
Tiger	—	—	—	2	2
Bear	—	—	2	—	2
Sambhur ..	—	—	—	1	1
Barasingh ..	—	—	3	—	3
Nilghai	—	—	3	9	12
Barking deer ..	—	—	—	5	5
4-horned antelope	—	—	—	1	1
Moose deer ..	—	—	—	1	1
Black buck ..	—	—	2	—	2
Ibex	—	—	—	3	3
Shapoo	—	—	—	1	1
Wild boar ..	—	—	5	7	12
Crocodiles ..	—	—	8	8	16
Jungle fowl ..	—	—	8	6	14
Peacock ..	—	—	—	4	4
Pigeons ..	36	164	—	25	225
Black partridge	228	282	1	3	514
Geese	3	5	3	2	13
Duck	12	72	162	218	464
Teal	1	27	69	109	205
Snipe	2	18	43	87	150
Plover	7	14	—	—	21
Sand grouse ..	5	319	—	—	324
Sisi	—	7	—	—	7
Bustard ..	2	1	—	—	3
Quail	28	56	—	6	90
Hares	8	16	—	2	26
Wild Cat ..	1	—	—	—	1
Various ..	3	26	49	25	103
Chakor ..	—	—	—	19	19
				Grand Total ..	2492

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With the present indiscriminate licences for firearms issued to Indians, it seems likely that shooting in India will steadily deteriorate.

POLO NOTES.

The Polo Committee was faced with several difficulties in arranging the conditions of the Regimental Polo Tournament, 1923.

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When the subject was first discussed in camp at the beginning of December, there seemed a good prospect of 20 players, count-

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ing Col. Herbert, being available. On this basis 5 teams were selected on the same system as last year, namely handicapping

THE FOUR POLO TEAMS, CHRISTMAS WEEK.

individuals and so allotting them that each team's handicap was more or less equal.

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Mischance soon intervened to make the arrangements negatory. Col. Herbert couldn't get to Fyzabad for Christmas, and Mr. Grimley was suddenly told by Simla that he was allotted a free passage home about Christmas Day.

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This left 18 players, an awkward number when teams consist of four. After considering many ingenious suggestions and experimenting on paper with many commutations and combinations, it was decided to arrange for 4 teams only; this was rendered possible by Mr. Griffiths being at Mussoorie, and one other player giving up his chance of playing.

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The teams were :—

No. 1.—Colonel, Swaine, Tarleton, Martin.
No. 2.—Ovans, Humphreys, McLean, Fryer.
No. 3.—Ingledew, Hogshaw, Pringle, Waight.
No. 4.—Platt, Redwood, Hopper, Earle.

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On both occasions the handicapping and shuffling of players gave much anxious thought to the Polo Committee.

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A spirit of self-depreciation is generally noticeable on these occasions, and the atmosphere gives the impression of being filled with unbreathed hopes that the vote or opinion of any particular member may never be disclosed: unfortunately for the peace of mind of many, one of the Polo Committee proceeded to read out in the ante-tent the individual handicaps. Luckily he was stopped in time to prevent any more serious grouse than

MULE POLO: INDIAN PLATOON (WINNERS) AND B COMPANY TEAMS.

the remark that one team was much the strongest because it possessed better ponies.

The first ties were played off on Christmas afternoon.

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It was agrreed that, owing to the short interval since Christmas dinners, No. 2 and No. 4 teams should play off their match first.

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The game resulted in a win for No. 4 team by one goal.

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The second tie between No. 1 and No. 3 produced the best games in the tournament. The result on Christmas Day was a draw, the replay on Wednesday morning was again a draw, and it was only after playing extra time with widened goals, and extra time again until one side scored, a decision was reached, No. 3 being the winners.

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In the final No. 3 beat No. 4.

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In the subsidiary No. 2 beat No. 1.

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Which then was the best team?

No. 3 beat No. 4 by 3 goals to 2 goals.
No. 4 beat No. 2 by 1 goal.
No. 2 beat No. 1 by 3 goals to 1 goal.
No. 1 only lost to No. 3 after two replays and extra time.

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Anyhow, the handicappers were satisfied.

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One of the features of the tournament was the strong and accurate hitting of Capt. Hogshaw and the speed of his pony Topsy.

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One almost felt that perhaps the former had been indulging in a fervent prayer somewhat similar to that uttered by a schoolboy when called on at a prayer meeting: "O Lord, may Pretty Polly be given the speed of a whirlwind, as I have my shirt on her."

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Major Rice, I.A.S.C., by umpiring throughout once more earned our gatitude, his kindness in waiving all claims to a station game during the week and thereby leaving the ground clear for the Regimental Tournament was also much appreciated.

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As I am finishing these notes, I hear that our Regimental Team has defeated the D.C.L.I. in the Lucknow Tournament by 15 goals to 2, and the Pack Artillery by 7—2. *Sursum Corda.*

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

First and foremost the Sergeants' Mess wish all Fusiliers, past and present, a very Merry Christmas and a "pukha" New Year. Christmas week at Fyzabad was a giddy round of fun and frivolity: we had a Fancy Fair, Gymkhana, Corporals *v.* Fusiliers, and that time-honoured institution, Officers *v.* Sergeants football. With reference to the latter, more anon. Each Company gave a dance, and some included a whist drive; needless to say, *all* were a huge success, contributed mainly by the spontaneous attendance of the married families.

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The Mess held the usual Christmas Tree and Tea on Christmas Day, our worthy "Chips," owing to his Aldermanic proportions, officiated as Father Christmas and distributed the presents.

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A supper and dance was held in the evening, the whole proving a great success, which was undoubtedly due to the excellent arrangements made by the President and his Committee.

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The Officers and Sergeants match was a huge success from start to finish. The Sergeants' team was :—

C.S.M. Beck ; Sgt. Surtees and C.Q.M.S. Willson ; R.S.M. Johnston, Sgt. Bowker and Sgt. Higgins ; Sgt. Salt, C.S.M. Tudor, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, Sgt. Green and O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson.

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The game commenced with great gusto, Sgt. Bowker in the first five minutes landed in his own goal suffering from a severe charge in the side by the opposing left half (a mighty man was he). After being refreshed by our gallant goalie, he once again rejoined the fray, but keeping well away from the aforementioned back, much to the latter's chagrin. The play at times became quite scientific, one member of the opposing team was seen to kick the ball at least twice in the second half. After a very keenly contested game the Sergeants were the winners, the score being 3—2. After the match the Mess and families partook of the Officers' hospitality to tea served on the ground.

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We take the opportunity of welcoming C.S.M. and Mrs. Hodsell to the Mess, and hope they will find Fyzabad a congenial spot. Nuff said. It is not C.S.M. Hodsell's first time in India, he was with the First Battalion during that wonderful time, " Avant la guerre." The romantic spirit that the word India conjures in the breast of one is often dispelled after about a month in that " delectable " land ; but then a soldier sees very little of India—his vision is generally limited to the Cantonment, which is really a little bit of England planted in India ; it is like a small suburb of a large city with a few disadvantages and none of the advantages.

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We had a Married *v.* Single football match quite recently. The married team was much older than the single, but what they lacked in agility they made up with experience, and after extra time being played, a well-contested match was brought to a close without a decision, the score being 2—2. We were again rivals, this time at hockey, but the single team was far too strong, beating the married team with the decisive score of 3—1. A rather pleasing thing was the large number of families amongst the spectators.

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Teams :—

Married (*football*)—C.Q.M.S. Scott ; Sgt.-Drmr. Brace and C.Q.M.S. Willson ; C.S.M. Davis, Sgt. Scott and Sgt. Higgins ; Sgt. Salt, Sgt. Drummond, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, Sgt. Fitzgerald and W.O. Hall.

Single—Sgt. Skelton ; Sgt. Surtees and Sgt. Merrin ; C.S.M. Tudor, Sgt. Bowker and Sgt. Keith ; C.S.M. Beck, Arm.-Sgt. Adams, C.S.M. Brockelsby, Sgt. Green and O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson.

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Married (*hockey*)—C.S.M. Tyrrell ; C.S.M. Hodsell and Sgt.-Drmr.-Brace ; Sgt. Heron, Sgt. Higgins and C.S.M. Davis ; Sgt. Pollard, Sgt. Drummond, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, Sgt. Fitzgerald, and Sgt. Scott.

Single—Sgt. Surtees ; Sgt. Dodds and Sgt. Merrin ; C.Q.M.S. Moon, Sgt. Bowker, and C.Q.M.S. Hobson ; C.S.M. Beck, C.S.M. Tudor, C.S.M. Brockelsby, R.S.M. Johnston, O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson.

One is likely to gain the impression that we are doing all play and no work, but, dear reader, dispel your erroneous thoughts. Red and Blue Land are still fighting (although a truce was held during Christmas), and generals are still generalising ; as you were—I should have said moralising, on the important question of " Are boots dubbed or are they not dubbed "—ask C.S.M. Rocklestree.

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A new Committee, headed by C.Q.M.S. Shipley, has undertaken to provide us with the usual dance on Wednesday, and whist drive on Saturday. Up to going to press we have had one of each, the success of which augurs well for the remainder of their term of office.

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C.Q.M.S. Hobson has joined from six months leave to what Shakespeare calls " This other Eden, demi paradise, this little world, this precious stone set in the silver sea," or in other words, England. Apparently all he has noted whilst away has been the silvery sea at Sheerness and how to dance, by one who should like to.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

With the advent of the New Year comes the desire of most people to form new resolutions, but in nearly every case those so called resolutions are broken long before the New Year becomes old, and one of our members knowing this to be true, has resolved to break all his new resolutions.

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Since writing last month's notes, there has been little or no excitement in the Mess, therefore the writer has little to chronicle this month.

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However, the members are gradually coming out of their state of lethargy, probably it is a New Year's resolution—in fact they have developed lately that " Kruschen feeling " to the extent of meeting the Fusiliers at football. The net result of this match was a win for the Fusiliers by 5 goals to our 1. A better pen than mine has already described this match, but we are by no means discouraged, let the Fusiliers beware ; the worm will turn some day.

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Now that all the excitement of Christmas has passed away, with its Company dances, etc., our turn has come, and on the 23rd of this month we are holding a New Year's dance in the Regimental Theatre. More of this in our next notes.

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Our comrades of the 43rd Battery, R.F.A., have left us. Their sojourn at Fyzabad was a very brief one, but it was meant to be only a passing visit, and now we eagerly await their successors, the 9th Battery.

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That object of derision, referred to in our last notes, viz., the gramophone, has been removed and replaced by a new H.M.V., so no longer will our musical members' ears be played havoc with.

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We congratulate the undermentioned on their confirmation of rank :—

A/Cpl. Burdis, A/Cpl. Redman, A/Cpl. Larkman, A/Cpl. Springate, A/Cpl. Fellows, A/Cpl. Wood, A/Cpl. Slade, A/Cpl. Beatty, A/Cpl. Doy, A/Cpl. Murray, A/Cpl. Corkin, A/Cpl. Dickinson, A/Cpl. Carr, A/Cpl. Swallow, A/Cpl. Howett, A/Cpl.

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Ashton, A/Cpl. Grace, A/Cpl. Moran, A/Cpl. Womack, A/Cpl. Wood, A/Cpl. Wasse, A/Cpl. Jones, A/Cpl. Walker, A/Cpl. Young, A/Cpl. Rankin, A/Cpl. Moffatt, A/Cpl. Green, A/Cpl. Boon, A/Cpl. Turner, A/Cpl. Tindall.

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The undermentioned have been appointed Lce.-Corporals :—

Fusrs. Frayne, McGuire, Noon, Barraclough, Easom, Skinner, Henderson and Cassidy.

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We take this opportunity of welcoming the above to the fold.

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Congratulations to Cpl. W. R. Jones on obtaining that very valuable award, viz., a first-class Certificate of Education.

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
23rd February, 1924.

Our usual correspondent having been overcome by the severity of the weather these notes are somewhat curtailed.

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It is with the deepest regret we heard of the sudden death of Major Milne-Home ; it seems such a short time ago that he was at the Depôt. We know how he will be missed by his many friends and our symapthies go out to Mrs. Milne-Home in her great loss.

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On Thursday, 14th February, a cross country run was held over a course of about 14 miles. All the recruits of both the 5th/68th Depôts took part ; the Depots competing against each other. The 68th won the team competition very easily, besides having the first four men home. Fusiliers Oates and Usher ran very well for the FIFTH and gained 5th and 6th places respectively.

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Our congratulations are due to Captain Baxter on passing the first part of his promotion exam. ; may he be equally successful in the next.

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Sgt. S. C. Clarke joined the Depôt on 26th January, 1924, on completion of tour of duty with the 5th Battalion, and proceeded to join the 1st Battalion 11th February.

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No. 4256748 C.S.M. G. H. Groves promoted Warrant Officer Cl. 1 (R.S.M.) *vice* Vines discharged, and posted permanently to Depôt Staff.

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No. 4257168 Sgt. G. E. Newton re-embarked for the West Coast on completion of leave in the s.s. *Abinsi* sailing from Liverpool 6th February, 1924.

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Sgt. A. E. Deeks joined the Depôt 12th February, 1924, on completion of his tour of duty with the 4th Battalion, and proceeded to join the 1st Battalion on 22nd February, 1924.

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C.S.M. A. J. Clark joined Depôt from 4th Battalion on completion of tour of duty 14th February, 1924, and proceeded to join the 1st Battalion 22nd February, 1924.

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No. 4256099 Sgt. W. Earl proceeded to join the 1st Battalion 22nd February, 1924, on posting to 1st Battalion.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,
23rd February, 1924.

On 22nd January the Officers of the Regimental Depôt entertained the Commanding Officers and Adjutants of the Territorial Army Battalions to dinner at Fenham Barracks to meet Lieut.-Colonel A. C. L. Hardman Jones.

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It was a very happy thought and a thoroughly enjoyable evening ensued. After dinner, the Officers witnessed a very good display of boxing by the young entry of the FIFTH and the 68th in the Depôt Gymnasium.

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The Railway Strike has affected us as it has affected everybody, and various lectures which were arranged to take place at the Regimental Depôt had to be cancelled owing to difficulties of travelling.

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Annual Training this year will again be carried out in Yorkshire, but this time Ripon has been decided upon instead of Catterick. Ripon is a much larger place than Richmond, and although some of us would have preferred a seaside camp, we might have drawn many less pleasant spots. From all we hear, Ripon should suit us very well and so long as the Clerk of the Weather is kind to us, we may look forward to a thoroughly enjoyable fortnight there. The camp site is reported to be an extremely good one on the banks of the river. The local inhabitants are very keen to have us at Ripon and all sorts of attractions and entertainments are being provided at special rates for the military. The date our Brigade proceeds to Ripon is either Saturday, 21st June, or Sunday, 22nd June. Besides the various cinemas, entertainments in the Spa grounds, sports grounds, swimming baths, etc., which are available for our enjoyment, there is a Summer Race Meeting whilst the Camp is there. Altogether, everything is looking very rosy.

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The C.O. and Adjutant attended a Conference at Catterick from 14th/16th February to discuss arrangements for training at Ripon.

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The Monthly Officers' Dinner was held at Tilley's Restaurant, Newcastle, on Thursday, 7th February, the following Officers being present :—Colonel Gibson, Colonel Cruddas, Major Williams, Captains Charlewood and Clarke, and Lieuts. Gibson and Anderson. In spite of small numbers, a pleasant evening was passed. We were very pleased to see Colonel Cruddas, and hope to have him shortly on the strength of the Battalion.

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We are all very sorry that our Second-in-Command (Major N. B. N. Good, M.C.) has been compelled to resign his Commission owing to having settled down in the South of England. He will be greatly missed when we go to Camp this year, but we hope we shall see him when he periodically comes up North.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

A farewell Smoking Concert was held in the Sergeants' Mess on 2nd February in honour of Sergt.-Instructor A. E. Deeks, who left us during the course of the month to rejoin the 1st Battalion on the Rhine.

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R.Q.M.S. Connell was in the chair, and during the evening a

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presentation was made to Sergt. Deeks of a handsome travelling case on behalf of the W.O.'s and Sergeants of the Newburn Detachment.

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The following contributed to the musical programme :—Sergt. Campbell, Fus. Dodds and Messrs. Henderson and Dowden, Fus. Jobson was the accompanist.

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We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation on behalf of all ranks on the very efficient manner in which Sgt. Deeks has carried out his many duties during his sojourn with the Detachment, and we wish him the very best of luck.

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We also welcome the return of C.S.M. E. V. Mower, who has taken over from Sergt. Deeks.

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C.S.M. Mower has been serving with the 1st Battalion on the Rhine since we last saw him some three years ago.

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Several of our Officers were guests at the Ball of the Northumberland and Durham Sergeants' Association which was held at the Barras Bridge Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on 1st February, and there is no doubt that they enjoyed themselves.

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It is of interest to us that R.Q.M.S. Connell is President of this Association.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

The past month has no outstanding feature to write about so these notes must necessarily be very brief.

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Owing to the railway strike we did not get our proposed lecture from the R.E. Officer.

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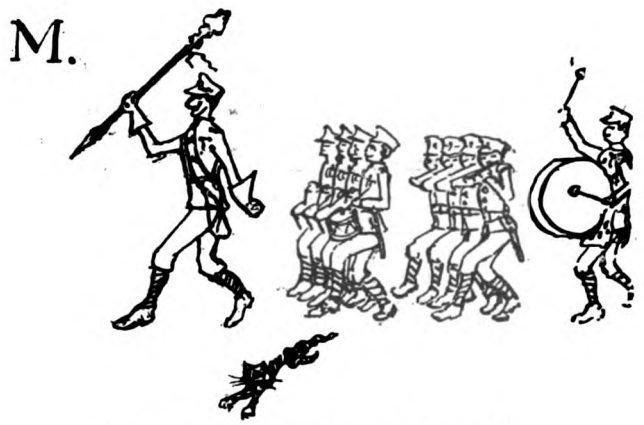
We finished up our Winter Courses with a very interesting lecture from the Adjutant, entitled "Thoughts on the Annual Training." We are all quite convinced that Ripon will be a very good camping place.



"M" IS THE "MAJOR" WHO TEACHES THE "DRUMS"
TO TRILL TRA-LA-LA AND THEIR TUNEFUL "TUM-TUMS,"
THEY REALLY PLAY FAST, WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE,
AND THE CONSEQUENCE IS THAT WE MARCH AT THE DOUBLE.

We regret our inability to be present at the Prudhoe Dance on the 25th ult., but what with the railway strike and our lack of funds it was absolutely impossible—we hope they had a good night in spite of it.

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OR WOULD BE—COULD WE BUT REMEMBER OUR OWN,
THO' SEVEN SIX FIVE STROKE FOUR THREE TWO EIGHT
IS RATHER A LOT TO PRESERVE IN ONE'S PATE /

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We are very sorry to hear that our Second-in-Command (Major Good, M.C.) has left us, and we wish him all possible happiness in the future.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

We have to welcome Sgt. and Mrs. West to our bosom, and we hope that their stay will be a long and pleasant one.

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The only fault we have to find with our new Instructor is that he can not "parley" the language; he, however, is now undergoing tuition from several experts, and good results are anticipated in the very near future.

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Early in the month several of Sergt.-Major Clark's friends in the village presented our late Instructor with a clock and case of pipes as a memento of his stay in the district.

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The gathering was held in the "Dr. Syntax," and a most enjoyable evening resulted.

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Unfortunately time is short and it is not possible to write as much as we would like to this month, but before falling out we would like to ask what our new Instructor and Sergt.-Major Wind were trying to do with a 12ft. target the other morning? It is reported that several wireless aerials in the immediate vicinity of the Drill Hall melted under the strain.

5TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

WALKER,

25th February, 1924.

Perhaps, instead of keeping the good wine till the last we had better put it first. So here's the best bit of a bright and breezy bulletin ("some" alliteration). Our Commanding Officer is to stay with us for yet another year. He has been granted a further extension of Command for one year, this, we believe, being the third extension granted.

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By way of contrast we might have the worst bit next. Our genial Second-in-Command, Major H. Gordon-Luhrs, has resigned his commission. Major Luhrs joined as a private in 1900 during the South African War, and was a Sergeant within a month, going to his first camp at Salisbury Plain. Red kerseys, blue trousers, busbys and short leggings were worn in those days.

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Having to go abroad he resigned in 1902 and on definitely settling down in Wallsend in 1906 was granted a commission and promoted Captain in 1910.

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On the outbreak of War he was mobilised, and during the first four months of the War he raised, trained, fed and clothed several hundred men. In these days drill was performed with wooden rifles made at the Engineering Works. Uniforms did not turn up for several months, and they were a nondescript crowd marching through the streets. Their hearts were in the right place, and they turned out to be excellent soldiers.

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He was promoted " Major " in December, 1914, and proceeded to France with the Battalion in April, 1915, and a few days later got into action at Ypres. Later on they held the trenches at Armentieres, and during the winter of 1915/16 helped to hold Hill 60.

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Lieut.-Colonel Luhrs was recalled from France to the War Office and reported to Sir Eric Geddes, and was appointed Assistant Director of National Filling Factories under Sir Phillip Nash. He was promoted Director on Sir Eric Geddes and Sir Phillip Nash proceeding to France on railway work; and by the end of the War had risen to the high post of Assistant Controller. He had under his charge a large staff at Headquarters in London, controlled over 40 filling factories and was responsible for a personnel of some 200,000 workers, mostly women.

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He was twice mentioned in despatches while in France; twice mentioned for service in the Ministry of Munitions, and awarded the C.M.G., the T.D., 1914-15, General Service and Victory Medals.

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It is a great comfort to us to know that while Lieut.-Colonel Luhrs has resigned from active service, yet he is not leaving us entirely. As he said to us at our last monthly dinner, " I do not mean to forsake you chaps altogether, and will be always glad to meet you. If I can do anything to help you at any time I hope you will not hesitate to requisition my services."

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Our dinner this month was a very successful function, and there was a full attendance. The newly appointed Adjutant to the 6th Battalion (Captain Leese) was present, as also were several other Officers of the 6th. The Brigadier—Colonel Commandant E. P. A. Riddell—and the Brigade Major—" Bill " Anderson—honoured us with their presence. A very pleasant evening came to a close all too soon; though perhaps not too soon for some of the " bridge-ites " ?

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Our inimitable " P.P.P. " and his Jesters are to give another concert on the 27th under the direction of the Brigadier. More about it in our next.

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The Adjutant is getting well into his stride—recruiting is going on apace—umpteen courses are being held and well attended; and drills are to commence next month. Business as usual.

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We welcome our lately-appointed subaltern, 2nd-Lieut. R. H. Rooksby, and we feel sure that he will ever give of his best for the benefit of the Battalion and for the Regiment.

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Our congratulations to 2nd-Lieut. Phillips on his second " pip " and to Lieut. N. Heslop on his promotion to Captain.

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To Lieut. and Mrs. R. A. Forster—a son.
To Lieut. and Mrs. J. Smith—a son.
To Major and Mrs. Tweedy—a son.

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Our congratulations to all, and our sincerest wish is that these " wee laddies " may grow up to be as good Fusiliers as their fathers.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Sgt. S. C. Clarke left us early this month for the Army of Occupation. He carries with him the best wishes of all members of the Mess. We welcome Sgt. A. Wood into the fold !

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In the Annual Shoot for the clock, a popular victory was scored by Lce.-Sgt. T. Harwood, after a tie with Sgt. A. Black.

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The news that Ripon is to be our training ground this year has brought joy to the hearts of many, who will be able to review the scenes where their war-time careers were brought to a close ! What a busy place Ripon was in those days ! How it will have changed !

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It is with deep regret that we hear that Major Luhrs is to retire. We shall miss his cheering smile and kindly word at Camp this year. We all wish him—" The Best of Luck."

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C.S.M. Coppick, Sgt. Robson, Sgt. Biggerstaff and Sgt. Oliver attended the recent Courses of Instruction at the Depôt. We hasten to compliment them on having " passed out " so well.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
23rd February, 1924.

The course and efficiency drill season is now in full swing. Great activity prevails at Drill Halls, where there has been a good flow of recruits of a good type since the middle of last month. There is even a waiting list at Ashington. Now is the time to recruit as the men are then qualified to take their places in the Companies from the first day of annual training.

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There have been capital responses by W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s for courses at the Depôt. C.S.M. G. Wardrope, Sgt. R. White, Cpls. C. Murray and W. White, of the Amble Company, attended from 21st to 26th of last month, while C.S.M. G. Purves and Sgt. J. McIntyre, of Morpeth Company, and Cpls. M. Flanighan and W. Whyte, Lce.-Cpls. J. E. Guy and N. L. Douglas, Amble Company, were present from 4th to 9th instant.

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Major H. R. Smail, Capt. T. Appleby, and Lieut. T. Ledgerwood

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attended the Officers' week-end course on 2nd and 3rd instant, and Capts. F. B. Cowen, E. H. Watson and D. C. McCreath did a similar course at the Depôt on 23rd and 24th instant.

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On the 14th a miniature rifle shooting match took place in the Berwick Hall between the Sergeants, Depôt K.O.S. Borderers, Berwick Branch of the British Legion, and the Berwick Detachment, when the result was:—Borderers, 264; Legion, 252; Fusiliers, 242. A return match is being arranged. C.S.M. Payne, Sgt.-Instr. Loder, Sgts. Mace and Thompson, Cpls. Nesbitt and Taylor represented D Company.

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It is to be hoped that the Battalion will be more strongly represented than it was last year at the Northumberland Rifle Association Meeting, which is to be at Whitsuntide this year, the exact dates being 7th and 9th June.

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Ripon, the venue of this year's annual training, is quite popular with the troops. The Brigade was last there in 1908.

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Congratulations to Lieuts. E. C. Grey and W. C. W. Potts on getting their second pips.

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Old members would be glad to note that Colonel H. C. Jackson, who for some time commanded the 50th Division overseas, had been appointed Commandant of the Machine Gun School at Netheravon.

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Capt. F. B. Cowen, M.C., is taking over the command of A (Morpeth) Company, *vice* Major G. McK. Jobling, T.D., who has retired owing to ill-health. Prior to going to the Brigade Machine Company, Capt. Cowen served with A Company overseas for over six months, going out with it as a subaltern in 1915. Capt. D. C. McCreath, M.C., the present Machine Gun Officer, will shortly take command of the Headquarter Wing, which he has commanded for the last two years in Camp.

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The Sergeants of the Berwick Detachment gave a most successful dance in the Drill Hall on Thursday, 21st instant.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
29th February, 1923.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, and 1921.

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We beg to call to the attention of our readers the letter from Major Booth, which appears in this issue, anent a ball to be held in Newcastle next April, to assist the funds of the Regimental Aid Society.

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It is sad to think that this Society is being handicapped so heavily through lack of funds. The present depression of trade puts a heavy strain on the Society's resources, and we hope that all who can will support the ball and that those who cannot be present in person at it will send a donation to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society at 8, Higham Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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A reader of the *Gazette* wishes to purchase the Bound Volumes of the first eighteen years of the journal. If anyone has these to be disposed of we will gladly put him (or her) into communication with the prospective purchaser.

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While on this topic we would mention that the Editorial archives are lacking in copies of the first five years, and we would be glad to make the deficiency complete, if anyone can oblige us by selling the desired volumes.

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Subscriptions due in March:—

Mrs. Carr Ellison
F. C. Clayton, Esq.
Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C.
Colonel G. Reavell
Mr. J. Twigg
Capt. W. H. Wynnsford
Sergeants' Mess, 4th Batt.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Mrs. Adamson (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. A. Armstrong (2nd Batt.)
Lieut. J. I. Atkinson
Miss Baleway (2nd Batt.)
Mr. N. Borisown
Miss R. Donnelly (2nd Batt.)
Pte. L. H. Ferrett
Mrs. Gibson (2nd Batt.)
2nd-Lieut. W. Harvey
Mrs. N. Henrose
Miss F. H. Johnston
Mr. P. Lancell (2nd Batt.)
Miss M. Latimer (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. McCulloch (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. S. Ouzman (2nd Batt.)
Col. Pedley
Miss M. Rowland (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. J. Stephenson (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. Walden (2nd Batt.)
Nurse Wasse (2nd Batt.)
Miss M. Weatheson (2nd Batt.)
Miss Alice Winder (2nd Batt.)

THE DUKE OF YORK'S ROYAL MILITARY SCHOOL.

The Old Boys' Association of the above School desire to get in touch with all former scholars. Will any past or present member of the Regiment who passed through this well known School, kindly communicate with Mr. I. F. Gillett, House 30, Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover, or Mr. F. C. Palethorpe, 33, Lee Park, Blackheath, London, S.E. 3.

Letter to the Editor.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' AID SOCIETY.

To the Editor, "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

In view of the falling off in subscriptions to the above Society, it has been decided to hold a Ball in Newcastle on 25th April in order to raise funds for the Society.

Major-General Sir Percival and Lady Wilkinson hope to be present, and in any case are giving the Ball their full support.

It is also felt that Northumberland as a whole are not aware of the Society or the work it does for those who belonged to the County Regiment, and it is hoped that such an event will increase the funds from subscriptions and presents of clothing, etc., which are so welcome at all times. Tickets, price £1 10s., can be obtained from the Executive Committee or from the Editor, *St. George's Gazette*. The Secretary is Captain H. I. Powell, 5th Fusiliers, The Barracks, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Executive Committee consists of Major R. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., commanding Depôt; Bt. Major J. F. Chenevix Trench, D.S.O., Adjutant, 7th Battalion, Alnwick; Captain E. H. Baxter, Depôt; Captain

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Gervette Williams, Adjutant, 4th Battalion, Hexham; Captain G. J. W. Gatehouse, Adjutant, 5th Battalion, Walker.

Yours faithfully,
R. M. BOOTH, *Major*,
President, Executive Committee.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (FIGHTING FIFTH) OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

A select dance was held on Monday, 21st January, 1924, at the Veterans' Club Hard Court, Holborn, when a very enjoyable evening was spent; there were about 200 present. Too much praise cannot be given to our Entertainment Committee, which was composed of the following:—Mr. A. E. Bosten, Mr. A. G. Edwardes, Mr. B. H. Martin, together with our worthy Hon. Secretary.

As this was our first venture in this direction and the splendid success attained, we have decided to hold another dance on Wednesday, the 27th February, at the same rendezvous.

On Friday, the 25th January, we held our first annual general meeting at the Seaforth Highlanders' Club, Palace House, 130, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.1., which is our headquarters; there were 50 present, including our President, Lieut.-Colonel C. P. Hawkes, who, of course, occupied the chair; also Colonel D. Sapte.

The chief item on the agenda was the election of officers for the current year:—Lieut.-Colonel C. P. Hawkes very kindly accepted the Presidency for another year; Mr. E. J. Halliday, Chairman, *vice* Capt. J. T. Rowland; Treasurer, Colonel D. Sapte; Committee, Mr. A. E. Bosten, Mr. Chilton, Mr. A. G. Edwardes, Mr. Maydon; *ex-officio*, Mr. G. Redhead (late R.S.M., 5th Fusiliers), Mr. W. Lees (late 2/5th Fusiliers).

The following are amongst the latest joined members:—Colonel E. S. Heard, Colonel E. B. Gordon, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Lady Bertha Dawkins.

Our ladies' section now numbers 18, some of whom were either born in the Regiment, or have served with it.

Total membership, Officers	33
Other ranks	123
Lady members	18

War Office,
13th February, 1924.

ARMY OFFICERS AND THE AIR FORCE.

CONDITIONS OF SECONDMENT.

The period of secondment of regular Army Officers to the Royal Air Force will in future be four years, including preliminary training. Officers seconded must have at least two years' commissioned service, and be between 22 and 28 years of age on the date of secondment. They will be required only for training as pilots and those with no previous flying service will be preferred. Although normally Officers will be granted temporary commissions, they will be eligible for promotion on their temporary Royal Air Force commissions during their period of secondment, and for selection for permanent commissions in the Royal Air Force. During their second service they will receive the Royal Air Force rates of pay and allowances of their Royal Air Force substantive rank, and the period of seconded service will count towards retired pay under the same conditions as if the Officers had remained with the Army. They will wear the service uniform of the Royal Air Force and the mess dress of the Army, and will receive a grant of £25 towards the cost of Royal Air Force uniform.

SNOW.

The following extract from the *Slushton Chronicle* of 17th January, 1964, has been forwarded by the Editor of *The Fourth Dimensional Times* as being likely to interest readers of the *St. George's Gazette*:—

Snow had been falling heavily for the last week, and the pleasant market town of Slushton was wrapped in a uniform white blanket. My 'plane had been the first to land for two days. Its patent ski landing attachments so greatly in demand in the northern climates, and which made winter flight possible, had not been generally adopted by the British aero manufacturers, and were still a novelty. Quite a crowd, drawn to the 'Drome by the hum of my propellors, was gathered to watch me come roaring out of the drifting snow-flakes to finish with a perfect telemark turn by the visitors' hangar.

Hungry and tired by my long journey, I lost no time in settling the Aerodrome control formalities, paying my landing fee, and in making my way on foot to the Airman's Arms, an old-fashioned ex-coaching inn which is one of the attractions of Slushton.

Mine genial host, none of your modern innkeepers, made me free of his warm and cosy bar parlour.

"A glass of toddy, Comrade, or perhaps a pint of our best Aether Ale. Cold work flying, Comrade—cold work—wouldn't like it myself, Comrade. Fact is, my little 'Fly about' hasn't been out of the garage for a week now"—and so on. Accepting his toddy I sat me down before the cosy glow of the electric radiator and awaited, in a rich ripe coma, the innkeeper's call to the meal he was having prepared without.

"Seasonable weather, Sir—seasonable weather." I opened my eyes, and there in the ingle-nook was seated an aged person, whom I had no difficulty in recognizing as one of that fast-

"ONE OF THAT FAST DISAPPEARING CLASS OF OLDEST INHABITANTS."

disappearing class of oldest inhabitants which in the early day of the century was still a feature of our rural life and a factor in Pastoral politics.

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I agreed with him, languidly noting as I did so that from his right breast proudly dangled the Rhine Evacuation Medal presented, I have heard, on the occasion of the withdrawal of our forces (how curious the old word sounds) from Germany.

I believe they were there in execution of the Versailles Treaty, but all that was well before my time. "Not that you could rightly call this snow, Sir." The Gaffer continued, employing as I noted the old if unusual term of respect, a relic, I suppose, of his Army days. "Leastwise not snow as I knew it. 'I minds the winter of 1923 on the Rhine, Sir, with the FIFTH I was then, Sir—The Old and Bold—250 years old and as bold as brass; ever heard tell of them, sir?" I hadn't, but I'd not the heart to stop the ancient's mumbled reminiscences, and I gathered that he once belonged to that peculiar feudal remannt, The Infantry, which fought on foot and was orgnized I have read into Battalions, or some such antique group term. The aged one was evidently not going to move, so, making the best of the situation, I hailed mine host and ordered a pint pot of Aether Ale to be brought to him. "Ah," he said after a short silence, as he thoughtfully replaced the empty pot. "Now had that been Munchen or Spartenbrau." "Was it snow you was talking about, Sir—well, well. Snow it did in Cologne, Sir—and freeze as well. Snow and ice—snow and ice. Half-way up the sides of the houses, Sir, if you'll believe me."

I respect age too greatly to interrupt.

"The first two days of it, Sir, there fell twelve feet, or I'm an A.S.C. Driver. Twelve solid feet, and on the third day the Adjutant got out of his bedroom window on skis—long strips of wood, I remember, Sir, tied to his feet they were; and come round to where the gate used to be. Angry like he was, 'cos he couldn't find the Sentry. Nor for the matter o' that the Sentry Box, nor the Orderly Room, nor the Guard Room neither. Windows below snow level, you understand, Sir. There was some men of the Headquarter Wing standing outside by their 3rd story window looking at the snow, and when the Adjutant asked 'em they pointed out that the only way to the Orderly Room was through the attic, and one of 'em said as he hadn't had no breakfast, and that they could hear the cooks talking in the Cookhouse

"THE ORDERLY SERGEANT COULDN'T GET TO 'EM NOHOW."

and that smoke was coming out of its chimney but that the Orderly Sergeant couln't get to them no how. The smell was that tantalizing, they said.

"Well, Sir, there was only one thing to do, and the Adjutant and the Sergeant-Major did it. They turned out all the Companies, nigh on 400 men there were, Sir, a shivering and a looking from close range at the Barrack clock, which had stopped at 9.30 p.m. the night before when the beer supply gave out, and they said 'get shovels you devils and dig'—but, Sir, you'd 'ardly believe it there warn't no shovels. Leastwise the Quartermaster's Mobilization Stores was full of shovels, but they couldn't be used—Quartermaster wouldn't allow it. Said they was for War and War only—'Shovels, Mud,' and not 'Shovels, Snow,' or something. Not, that is, without special permission from the Colonel - on - the - Staff - in Charge - of - Administration, that was his rank, Sir, it was reely, Sir. Course they couldn't get to him. Telephone wouldn't work, and anyway he was snowed up in his house. Then the Quartermaster Sergeant came along and said that he'd found a shovel which wasn't on charge, left behind by the Black Watch it was, Sir, two year before, and we could use that. It puzzled the Adjutant and the Sergeant-Major where to begin diggin with the one shovel, sir. The men they wanted

"IT PUZZLED THE ADJUTANT AND THE SERGEANT-MAJOR WHERE TO BEGIN DIGGING WITH THE ONE SHOVEL, SIR."

to dig out the Cookhouse first, but the Adjutant was all for getting at the guard, so that they could turn out if and when any motor cars with Union Jacks or red flags came along, and the Sergeant-Major wanted to make sure that the keys of all the ground floor rooms on charge of the Guard were correct as per inventory and hadn't been tampered with, d'yer see sir." The Ancient looked long at his pewter pot, and mechanically I did the necessary action. "Ah," he said, as he replaced the once more empty vessel. "Thirsty work, thirsty work, now had that been Munchen or Spartenbrau." He sighed. "Naturally, sir, the Adjutant and the Sergeant-Major won, as nobody couldn't find the Company Officers, and they began to dig. By two o'clock they had got well down to the sentry-box and they found the sentry, asleep he was, sir, fast asleep, and when they tried to wake him he told them that it wasn't reveille yet. The Adjutant put him on a charge and they dug on. At 6 p.m. they were able to turn the Guard out. Hungry they were, just making up their minds whether or not to eat the Guard Reports.

"It 'pears that 'bout then they finally got the Staff's consent to authorize an issue of shovels, but as these were at a place called Nippes, north of Cologne, and there weren't no sledges, nobody could get to draw them from the Ordnance, so they carried on with the one.

By 2 a.m. they'd got down to the original pavement in front of the Orderly Room and broken the shovel. The Orderly Room Staff rang up the Colonel and told him all about it, and

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the Colonel told the Orderly Room all about ringing him up and then went back to bed. At 6 o'clock the thaw began and the

"IT 'PEARS THEY FINALLY GOT THE STAFF'S CONSENT TO AUTHORIZE AN ISSUE OF SHOVELS."

Rhine rose so fast that the Rhine Flotilla's boats had to anchor in the Dom Square opposite the Town Guard Room. By noon there was no snow left, and the Staff wired to say that a consignment of 1,000 shovels were being sent at once by motor boat."

The Ancient's soporific sentences lulled me to slumber before I even began my second tumbler of toddy—when next I opened my eyes it was to see mine host approaching to announce the advent of food. The Ancient Warrior had gone—so had my toddy.

"VERITAS."

The Editor of the *Fourth Dimensional Times* added a learned observation on the mutation of common terms. The gist of his remarks appear to refer to the fact that an article of the nature of the extract just completed would, were it published at the present day, be entitled "Slush." (We agree with our learned colleague.—EDITOR, *St. George's Gazette*).

TYNESIDE HUMOUR.

THE GRAPPLING IRONS.

Bill, an unemployed rivetter, on the south side of the Tyne, happened to win first prize in a lottery, which turned out to be a sack of flour. Shortly after the flour arrived at Bill's house, a neighbour's little girl came begging a basin of flour for her mother.

"What's yor muthor want the floor for?" enquired Bill.

"Aa had te tell ye that she had drooned the miller," answered the girl.

"Gan back an' tell yor muthor they keep the grappling irons ower at Waakor," said Bill.

"THE DIVIL'S DEED!"

Tommy, after absenting himself from Sunday School, met his teacher, who asked him why he had not attended. Tommy replied: "It's ne guid, th' Divil's deed." Teacher: "Oh! I hadn't heard that; when did this happen?" Tommy: "Last week Aa wes stannin' at th' corner wi' me fethor when a funeral went past, and eftor fethor luiked at the hearse he said "an' th' poor divil's deed at last!"

MEDAL ROLLS OF THE FIFTH.

INDIAN MUTINY, 1857-1858.

This medal was granted to troops, naval brigade, and civilians employed in suppressing the mutiny which broke out 10th May, 1857. The design of the medal has great merit; the ribbon is white with two red stripes. Five clasps were issued, the three of greatest interest being:—

(*a*) *Defence of Lucknow* granted to the original garrison of Lucknow and to those troops of the "first relief" who contined the defence of the Residency (under General Outram) until the relief of 17th November.

(*b*) *Relief of Lucknow* granted to troops engaged in the operations, under the immediate command of Sir Colin Campbell, against Lucknow.

(*c*) *Lucknow*, awarded for the final capture, March, 1858.

Contrary to the usual custom, the clasp for the first action is farthest from the medal, which, incidentally, was the last awarded by the Honourable East India Company; the government of India was transferred to the Crown 2nd August, 1858.

The Regiment, under Colonel Guy, had seen ten years' service in Mauritius, and was proceeding to Hong Kong. Owing to the mutiny of the sepoys the Regiment was diverted to Calcutta. Arriving 4th July, 1857, the FIFTH was hurried up the Ganges to join the column organised by General Havelock to relieve Lucknow. Two detachments, each of 100 men, were detailed *en route* to protect stations. At Buxar, a detachment of 144 under Captain L'Estrange accomplished a splendid performance, the relief of the garrison of Arrah. This small force, newly equipped with the Enfield rifle and supported by three field guns under Major Eyre, Bengal Artillery, marched thirty miles and drove off the sepoys over 2,500 strong. No clasp was given for this brilliant affair (cf. the FIFTH'S missing honour, "El Boden," in the Peninsular War).

Colonel Guy was given command of the Dinapore district, and Major Simmons assumed command of the Regiment at Cawnpore, September 5th. The Fusiliers (under General Neill) led the 1st Division of Havelock's Oude Field Force, which numbered only 3,200. Crossing the Ganges (19th September) this force pushed on to the neighbourhood of Lucknow, and discovered the rebels in force at Alumbagh (23rd September). Here the Regiment lost its Adjutant, Lieut. Haig, and Corporal Grant gained for it the first Victoria Cross.

Two days later (25th September) General Neill was killed and Major Simmons took over command of the Brigade during the final advance. The Residency was relieved that night; General Outram, finding it impossible to withdraw the garrison and civilians, the Oude Field Force became defenders. While awaiting the arrival of Campbell's force, sorties were frequent: in one of these (27th September) Private McManus gained his Victoria Cross. Major Simmons was killed (29th September), and Captain A. Scott assumed command of the FIFTH. This commander was severely wounded (6th October), and was succeeded by Lieut. Meara, who earned special thanks from the Governor-General. Others who were noticed for important services were Lieut. Brown, Privates Boyland and McHale. For the capture of a sepoy gun McHale was awarded the Victoria Cross.

Lucknow was relieved (17th November) by Sir Colin Campbell's force, which included Nos. 4 and 7 companies of the FIFTH, Major Milman's detachment having arrived at Calcutta in August. The Commander-in-Chief evacuated Lucknow and withdrew to Cawnpore. Under General Outram, the reconstructed 1st Division was left at Alumbagh, where Colonel Guy took over the

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command of the Regiment, No. 5 Company rejoining. There were 380 ranks fit for duty, and 358 sick or detached. Not until March was any serious attempt made to drive the rebels from Lucknow, and after ten days' stiff fighting the entire city was under British control.

The FIFTH did much hard marching with Campbell's (now Lord Clyde) Army before the rebellion was finally quelled. In July, a company of the FIFTH had charge of the King of Delhi, escorting the royal prisoner from Fyzabad to Benares.

In April, 1858, the Regiment received its first issue of khaki clothing. It was not till Afghanistan, 1878, that putties were worn.

Before the Regiment left Calcutta for England (March, 1860) the presentation of the Victoria Cross to Sergeant Grant and Private McHale took place in the presence of the garrison at Fort William. Private McManus had died of smallpox at Allahabad in 1859.

There is a fine Mutiny memorial window and brass in Newcastle Cathedral. Fifty years afterwards six of the undermentioned Officers and fifty-eight men survived. Several of them were present at a banquet at the Albert Hall under the presidency of Earl Roberts, a Mutiny V.C. Since 1907 the *Gazette's* obituary has recorded many of these veterans, and the ages of the following are notable :—

Colonel	Chester Master, C.B. ..	died 1913	aged 91
General	Sir G. B. Milman, K.C.B. ..	„ 1915	„ 92
Colonel	John Creagh	„ 1920	„ 83
Private	R. Power	„ 1912	„ 87
„	B. Thompson	„ 1914	„ 91
„	J. Coody	„ 1915	„ 81
„	W. Gayford	„ 1921	„ 84
„	J. Richardson ..	„ 1922	„ 96

Major Francis Drake died in 1906, aged 79; he served in the Regiment 1847-1885. Quartermaster Drake was an ideal officer and, during the Mutiny, his good work with his loaded camels was much appreciated. For Afghanistan he received his second medal.

Attention can only be drawn to the well-known names of some Officers such as Colonel Guy, Captains Bigge and Fitzroy, Lieutenants Oldfield and Dashwood.

In the 1808-1814 roll given last month, mention may be made of Major John Bent. This Officer entered the Regiment in 1804 and died in 1873 at the age of 92.

MEDAL ROLLS.

Victoria Cross.

Corporal Robert Grant	24th Sept., 1857.
Private Peter McManus ..	26th Sept., 1857.
Private Patrick McHale ..	2nd Oct., 1857.

In the War Office series of *Short Histories*, a fourth recipient is given—" Sergeant R. Evart." This was owing to an error in gazetting Grant's honour. McHale had, in addition to the Mutiny medal with two clasps, the Army Good Conduct Medal and the Regimental " Order of Merit." He died at Shorncliffe in October, 1866, and his V.C. is in the collection of Colonel Whitaker. The collection of the 1st Battalion includes Grant's silver medal and McManus's Victoria Cross and silver medal.

In the early days of the Great War there was a widespread, but erroneous, impression that for some unknown reason it was impossible for Northumberland Fusiliers to again win the Victoria Cross. (See letter from Army Council, *St. George's Gazette*, August, 1916).

Silver Medal Roll.

Summary of 907 medals :

" Defence " only	108
" Defence " and " Lucknow "	258
" Relief " only	16
" Relief " and " Lucknow "	191
" Lucknow " only	139
No clasp	195

1ST BATTALION 5TH REGIMENT OF FUSILIERS.

LIST OF OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN AWARDED THE INDIA MUTINY MEDAL WITH CLASPS OR INDIA MUTINY MEDAL ONLY.

	Rank.	Name.	Defence of Lucknow.	Relief of Lucknow.	Lucknow.
	Colonel	Guy, C.B., P. M. N.	–	1	1
	Major	Master, C.B., W. C.	–	1	1
	Major (Bt. Lt.-Col.)	Milman, G. B.	–	1	1
*	Major	Simmons, J. E.	1	–	–
	Captain	Hogge, J. S.	–	–	1
*	„	L'Estrange, F. W.	1	–	–
	„	Scott, A.	1	–	–
	„	Sheppard, T.	–	–	–
*	„	Johnson, A. E.	1	–	–
	„	Carden, G.	–	1	1
	„	Bigge, T. S.	–	1	1
	„	(Bt.-Major) Meara, W. H. P. ..	1	–	1
	„	Adair, J. W. D.	1	–	–
	„	Simmons, E. R.	–	–	–
	„	Chapman, G. H. J. M.	–	–	–
	„	Mylius, F. J.	–	1	1
	„	Walpole, H.	–	1	1
	„	Fitzroy, P.	–	1	1
	„	Barker, J. B.	–	1	1
	„	Moore, R.	–	–	1
	„	Creagh, J.	1	–	1
	„	Massy, G. E.	1	–	1
	„	Leach, W.	–	–	–
	„	Lewis, E. S.	–	1	1
	Lieut.	Oldfield, E. J.	–	1	1
*	„	Carter, W. C.	1	–	–
	„	Mason, E. M.	1	–	–
†	„	Browne, J. C.	1	–	–
	„	Cubitt, F. A.	–	1	1
*	„	and Adjt. Haig, E. F.	–	–	–
	„	Dashwood, C. L.	–	–	1
	„	Cooch, I. V.	–	–	–
	„	Hoare, E.	–	–	–
	Paymr.	Forster, F. B.	–	–	1
	Qrmr.	Drake, F.	1	–	1
	Surgeon	Swettenham, W. K.	1	–	1
	Asst. Surgeon	Whitty, T. R.	–	1	1
	„	Collins, F.	–	1	1
	„	Grant, M.	–	–	1
	Lieut.	Tyler, E. J.	–	–	1
†	Sgt.-Major	Knights, D.	1	–	1
	Inst. of Musketry	Crabtree, A. E.	–	–	–
	Q.M.S.	Read, B.	–	–	1
†	Paymr.-Sgt.	Robinson, R.	–	–	1
	Schoolmaster-Sgt.	Flint, F.	–	–	–
	Hosp.-Sgt.	Auckland, J.	1	–	1
†	Armr.-Sgt.	Whitworth, H.	1	–	–
	Sgt. Orderly-Clerk	Sewell, J. C.	1	–	1
†	Sgt. (O.R.C.)	Curties, T.	1	–	1
*	Sgt. Drum-Major	McGovern, T.	1	–	1
†	Drum-Major	Pestell, H.	1	–	1
	Cr.-Sgt.	Cattermole, J.	1	–	1
†	„	Grey, A.	–	–	1
	„	Ives, N.	–	1	1
	„	Laurie, J.	1	–	1
†	„	Love, J.	1	–	1
*	„	McManus, H.	1	–	–
	„	O'Brien, W.	–	1	1

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	Rank.	Name.	Defence of Lucknow.	Relief of Lucknow.	Lucknow.
	Cr.-Sgt.	Phelan, E.	–	1	1
	„	Pitman, S.	–	1	1
	„	Sinnett, J.	–	–	1
	„	Sisk, J.	–	1	1
†/*	„	Weim, W.	1	–	1
	Sergeant	Burder, J.	1	–	1
	„	Burke, S.	1	–	1
*	„	Boland, J.	–	–	–
†	„	Coody, R.	1	–	1
	„	Coody, J.	–	–	–
	„	Culverhouse, W.	1	–	–
†	„	Cunningham, P	–	1	1
	„	Daley, P.	–	1	1
	„	Dengate, J.	–	–	1
	„	Dennett, W.	–	–	1
	„	Doyle, L.	1	–	1
	„	Dunlop, P.	1	–	1
*	„	Dwyer, F.	1	–	–
	„	Gill, J. R.	–	–	1
	„	Jackson, J.	–	1	1
	„	Kett, W.	1	–	1
	„	Lewis, D.	1	–	1
†	„	Loughrane, W.	–	1	1
	„	Mumford, U.	1	–	1
	„	Murray, M.	–	–	1
	„	Payne, W.	1	–	–
†	„	Ready, J.	–	–	–
	„	Stockwell, N.	–	–	–
	„	Wady, L.	1	–	–
	„	Wahler, H.	1	–	1
	„	Walton, T.	1	–	1
†	„	Walters, W. A.	–	–	–
	Corporal	Alderton, D.	1	–	1
	„	Brady, B.	1	–	1
	„	Brooksbank, E.	1	–	1
	„	Budge, G.	–	–	1
	„	Carney, J.	1	–	1
	„	Cockcroft, H.	–	1	1
	„	Cooke, G.	1	–	1
	„	Cunningham, W.	1	–	1
†	„	Daniels, J.	–	–	–
	„	Deacon, W.	1	–	1
	„	Develin, J.	–	1	1
	„	Dickenson, G.	–	–	1
	„	Dillon, P.	–	–	1
†	„	Donovan, S.	–	–	–
	„	Fitzpatrick, P.	1	–	1
	„	Gorman, D.	–	–	1
	„	Grant, R.	1	–	1
†	„	Heeney, E.	–	1	1
†	„	Hickey, M.	–	1	1
	„	Jones, W.	–	–	1
†	„	Kelly, J.	–	1	1
	„	King, F.	1	–	1
†	„	McManus, P.	1	–	1
	„	McKenny, J.	–	–	–
	„	Manley, T.	1	–	1
†	„	Mitchell, W.	1	–	1
	„	Morris, N.	–	–	1
	„	Nelson, A.	1	–	1
†	„	Palmer, H.	–	–	1
	„	Prestley, W.	–	–	–
*	„	Parker, W.	1	–	–
	„	Purt, J.	–	–	1
*	„	Phelan, M.	1	–	–
	„	Richardson, J.	–	–	–
	„	Scottan, R.	–	1	1
	„	Stoner, C.	1	–	1
	„	Sullivan, J.	–	1	1
	„	Tait, W.	–	–	–
	„	Wilson, G.	–	–	–
	„	Wilson, T.	–	–	1
	„	Wooley, T.	–	–	–
	Drummer	Bishop, R.	1	–	1
	„	Bishop, S.	–	–	1
	„	Bramley, T.	–	–	1
	„	Coleman, E.	–	–	1
	Drummer	Connor, E.	–	–	1
	„	Dobson, J.	–	1	1
†	„	Donovan, P.	–	–	1
	„	Eddington, W.	–	–	–
	„	Horwell, W.	1	–	1
	„	Jones, C.	–	–	1
	„	Little, W.	–	–	–
	„	McCarthy, D.	1	–	1
	„	McKewn, W.	1	–	1
	„	Nash, J.	–	–	–
	„	Morgan, W.	1	–	–
†	„	Smith, T.	1	–	1
	„	Somers, E.	1	–	1
†	Private	Adams, B.	–	1	1
†	„	Ahern, M.	1	–	–
†	„	Alderdice, J.	1	–	1
	„	Aiken, J.	–	–	–
	„	Aldred, O.	–	–	–
	„	Aimes, H.	–	–	–
	„	Alexander, H.	–	1	1
	„	Alden, E.	–	–	–
†	„	Allen, F.	–	–	1
†	„	Allpress, W. J.	–	1	1
	„	Annes, W.	–	–	–
†	„	Anderson, W.	–	1	1
*	„	Anderson, W.	1	–	–
	„	Andrews, G.	1	–	1
†	„	Andrews, T.	–	–	–
	„	Archer, J.	–	1	1
	„	Armes, A.	–	1	–
	„	Armson, W.	–	1	1
*	„	Arnup, H.	–	–	–
	„	Answer, M.	1	–	1
	„	Atmore, W.	–	1	–
	„	Attwood, T.	–	–	–
	„	Ayers, J.	–	1	1
†	„	Ayton, J.	–	–	–
	„	Baconham, W.	–	1	1
†	„	Bailey, J.	–	1	1
	„	Bain, J.	–	1	1
	„	Baker, J.	1	–	1
*	„	Baker, J.	1	–	–
	„	Baker, R.	–	1	1
†	„	Baldry, W.	1	–	–
	„	Ballard, J.	1	–	1
	„	Banham, S.	1	–	1
	„	Bannon, P.	1	–	1
†	„	Bannister, R.	1	–	
	„	Barber, W.	–	1	–
†	„	Barnes, J.	–	1	1
	„	Barnes, L.	–	–	–
	„	Barrett, J.	–	–	–
†	„	Barton, A.	1	–	1
	„	Baxter, J.	–	–	–
	„	Batson, C.	1	–	1
	„	Beary, J.	1	–	1
	„	Beck, T.	–	–	–
†	„	Bedford, R.	1	–	1
†	„	Beles, F.	–	1	1
†	„	Beldon, S.	–	–	–
	„	Bell, J.	–	–	–
	„	Bennett, J.	–	–	–
	„	Bennett, J.	–	1	1
†	„	Bennett, W.	1	–	1
	„	Benskin, G.	1	–	1
	„	Bensley, W.	1	–	1
	„	Betts, E.	–	–	–
	„	Bird, G.	1	–	1
	„	Bishop, A.	–	–	–
*	„	Bishop, J. C.	–	–	–
	„	Blaney, J.	1	–	1
	„	Bloomfield, G.	1	–	1
*	„	Blogg, J.	1	–	–
	„	Blott, J.	1	–	–
	„	Blyth, W.	1	–	1
	„	Boardman, G.	1	–	1
	„	Bolan, P.	–	–	–

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COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Colonel A. C. Girdwood, C.M.G., D.S.O., to be Brigade Commander, 158th (Royal Welch) Infantry Brigade, *vice* Colonel W. R. N. Madocks, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. O. T. Spaxman (secd. Col. Office) retires on retired pay (dated 29th Feb.) and is granted rank of Captain.

The restoration to the establishment of Lieut. R. Edgeworth-Johnstone notified in the *Gazette* of 25th January is cancelled.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

7th Batt.—Lieut. A. R. Haseler relinquishes his commission (dated 1st May, 1922), under A.O. 166/1921, as amended by A.O. 332/1921, and retains the rank of Lieut.; Lieut. E. D. Mackay to be Capt. (Prov.) (dated 15th December, 1923); Lieut. D. C. McCreath, M.C., to be Capt. (Prov.) (dated 17th December, 1923).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

North. Fusrs.—Captain O. T. Spaxman (Lieut., retired pay) to be Captain (dated 29th February) with seniority 13th October, 1918.

2nd-Lieut. W. T. R. Copeland to be Lieut (dated 16th October, 1922).

Obituary.

MR. JOHN GARRITY.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. John Garrity, late No. 1391, 5th Fusiliers, which took place on the 11th March at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. "Poll" Garrity, as he was familiarly known in the 1st Battalion, enlisted at Leicester on the 1st February, 1865, and was discharged to pension in 1890 after 25½ years' service, of which 14½ years were spent in India and Afghanistan. He was in possession of the Afghan Medal. He was a prominent member of the Regimental cricket team, in which he won distinction as a left-handed bowler.

For some years after his discharge he carried on a coal business in his native town of Leicester but ill health and old age compelled him to give it up and in 1919 he was admitted as an in-pensioner of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. He was very lame during recent years but took a great interest in his old Regiment, and was always ready to chat about the days gone past.

He was buried at Chelsea, and, besides his sister and niece, who came from Leicester, General W. H. Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O., and Lieut.-Colonel A. Landen, No. 1638 ex-Pioneer Harvey and No. 1843 ex-Private Palmer, all old 5th Fusiliers, attended the funeral. The 5th Fusiliers Old Comrades' Association sent a beautiful wreath of red and white tulips.

MR. R. WILLIAMSON.

We regret to record the death, at the age of 72, of Mr. R. Williamson, which has taken place at the Dundaberg General Hospital, Queensland, Australia. He enlisted in 1870 and after passing through the various grades of rank was appointed Paymaster Sergeant to the 1st Battalion in October, 1885, and transferred to the Army Pay Department in April, 1890. A fine cricketer and rifle shot in his day he did much to uphold and enhance Regimental reputation on these and other lines. He was one of a fast diminishing band of Afghan warriors and held the medal for that campaign, also the medal for long service and good conduct.

To his widow, whose father served in the Regiment, and to his only son, who also was a 5th Fusilier from 1900 to 1912, and again from 1915 to 1919, we respectfully offer our sympathy on the passing of a very fine soldier.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,

March, 1924.

The curve of activity in the Champion Company Competition has reached its highest point during the last month. No less than six events have been tackled and either decided or almost so. These are :—

1. The March and Shoot.
2. Company Drill.
3. Inter-Company Sports.

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4. The "Hart Shield" for Inter-Company Boxing.
5. Inter-Company Tug-of-War.
6. Hockey.

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The results in the purely military events were most satisfactory and displayed a marked improvement in turn-out, endurance and knowledge over those of last year.

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The route selected for the March and Shoot was the same as before, a 9-mile course in fighting order, steel helmets and 20 rounds S.A.A. (ball ammunition). The average pace of the selected Platoon was over four miles an hour, and Platoons on completion of their course were inspected for signs of fatigue and for completeness of kit. Each Platoon afterwards fired an individual, accuracy and a fire control test on the 30 yards range, most of the test being carried out in gas masks.

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Marks towards the Champion Company Competition were awarded as follows :—

Placing.	*Company.*	*Marks awarded.*
1st	X	15
2nd	Z	12
3rd	W	9
4th	B	6
5th	Y	3
6th	A	0

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The Company Drill Competition is not yet decided. Up to date three Companies have undergone the ordeal of an exhaustive individual inspection and a test in arm drill and Company movements. In these subjects also has the standard improved.

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The Adjutant has recently returned from two weeks' leave, one of which was spent in Paris. He is not able to give a satisfactory account of his movements. All official letters addressed to him, wrongly addressed at that, have been returned through the French dead letter office. Negative information has revealed the fact that he has not been to any of the following places :—

1. The Moulin Rouge.
2. The Follies Bergeres.
3. Zelli's.

So where has he been ?

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The advent of St. George's Day sees the Battalion hard put to it to find enough men to carry out the parade.

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Six Battalions of the Rhine Army move out to training on 1st April, leaving ourselves and the Cameron Highlanders to keep house. We will have about 200 men on guards and garrison employment.

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It is anticipated that the German War Office at Berlin are shortly going to be seriously perplexed by the contents of reports forwarded from their reliable agents in occupied territory :-

Herr Otto X., registered agent No. 1,000,101, itinerant photographer in Dom Platz, Cöln, will report :—"Cologne, 23rd March. Northumberland Fusiliers on guard at Excelsior Hotel."

Fraulein Maria Y., domestic servant, Goldberg Strasse-Marienberg, registered agent No. 1,999,999, will report : "Northumberland Fusiliers on guard at Commander-in-Chief's house, Marienberg."

Wachtsmeister V., Coblentz Police, will "have the honour to report that the Northumberland Fusiliers are now guarding the British High Commissioner's house in Coblentz."

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Divers other trustworthy servants of the Republic will also report that the only Infantry soldiers to be seen in the streets of Cöln are Fusiliers ; that all the employed men in the garrison are Fusiliers ; and that a Company of Fusiliers is at Longerich ordnance depôt. From all this data the Teutonic General Staff will gather with an amazing grasp of the situation that we are the only Regiment remaining on the left bank of the Rhine—what is more, they will for once be right. Whether they will locate the rest of the Rhine Army in training at Leidenhausen is another question. In view of the recent motion in the House "that the Army be reduced to 1,000 men," or words to that effect, they may even assume that the 1st Batt. Fifth Fusiliers is the only Regiment which has survived the debate.

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Naturally, too, all the guards have to be found from picked men, and all the employed men must be "the very best obtainable."

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"Our particular employ requires experience my dear fellow . . we want an orderly who can type, write shorthand, clean field boots, be useful at blackleading fireplaces and play mah jongg," or "Fusilier Slow is being returned to-day as unsuitable. He cannot speak French or German, keep account books or wait at Mess. His relief must fulfil these qualifications. Please treat as urgent."

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Its no good explaining that we don't enlist Oxford Dons . .

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Mr. Bolster and his merry men have evacuated Engelshischen. They must be sorry to leave. Every now and then rumours come down the narrow chain of communication which keeps them in touch with headquarters to the effect that they are the life and soul of the village, but one has perforce to turn a deaf ear to such malignant whisperings.

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Major Critchley-Salmonson, Capt. Rushhorne and Mr. Steele have respectively passed examination "C" and "A" for promotion.

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The course, according to all telling, appears to have been pretty straight-forward and the "bunkers" few and far between. It is true that Major Critchley Salmonson had to use his "jigger" to get himself out of a medical bunker and Captain Rushbrooke's method of disposing of casual water was beyond cavil. It appears that the modern setters of papers for promotion examinations have really determined to ask practical questions, but

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they have not as yet completely grasped the type of question which ought to be set.

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Nobody is fit for promotion to the onerous rank of Captain who cannot produce a solution to a problem like this :—

PAPER—"TRAINING FOR WAR."

Question I.—You are commanding a Company. Time of year, January, at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

(*a*) Your Sergeant-Major produces a parade state for Monday as follows :

Strength of Company ..	105
On guard	20
On working parties in Barracks	15
On ditto out of Barracks ..	10
Sick	5
Garrison employ	20
On furlough	25

He states that the Company lines require scrubbing out.

Describe, briefly, the work you would do on Monday morning with the available men of your company having in mind the G.H.Q. programme of individual training (Winter, 1923-24).

Note.—For the purpose of answering this question the 30yds. Range, the Miniature Range, Barrack Square, Sand Table, the Ring Course, Olympic Course and Bombing Ground can be considered as available.

Question II.—At 9.15 a.m. the Regimental-Sergeant-Major removes 5 of the available men.

Describe in not more than 200 words how you would re-adjust your training programme to meet the situation.

(Anyone who wishes to work out the answer to the above questions should send the result to the Editor—no prizes).

(*Any results sent in must be accompanied by a P.O. for 2/6 and a fully addressed prepaid envelope!!—Ed., St.G.G.*)

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PAPER—"ADMINISTRATION."

Question I.—

(*a*) "The Secretary of State for War is ordered to attend a levée."

(*b*) "He is not in possession of full dress."

(*c*) "The Army Estimates reduce the pay of junior Officers."

(*d*) "The Secretary of State for War attends the levée in full dress."

Have the above random statements any administrative or economic relationship ?

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The following Officers have joined during the month :—Capt. E. G. Pemberton from employment with the Provost Branch in Egypt ; Lieut. A. C. Collingwood and M.N.E. Mac Mullen on first appointment from the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

GAMES COMMITTEE NOTES.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The 1st and 2nd Leagues have now been completed, with the results as tabulated below. Y Company (Major E. L. D. Forster) is to be congratulated on its victory in both Leagues.

RESULT OF INTER-COMPANY LEAGUE (SOCCER).

1st XI.

Coy.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Goals For.	Goals Agst.	Points.	Points counting for Champion Company.
"Y" ..	10	7	0	3	33	6	17	20
"Z"	10	7	1	2	25	7	16	16
"W" ..	10	6	2	2	22	11	14	12
"X" ..	10	3	5	2	14	25	8	8
H.Q. (A)	10	1	8	1	10	32	3	4
H.Q. (B)	10	1	9	0	9	32	2	0

2nd XI.

Coy.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Goals For.	Goals Agst.	Points.	Points counting for Champion Company.
"Y" ..	10	8	1	1	44	0	17	20
"X" ..	10	6	2	2	29	9	14	16
"W" ..	10	6	3	1	25	20	13	12
"Z"	10	5	3	2	34	15	12	8
H.Q. (A)	10	1	9	0	11	39	2	4
H.Q. (B)	10	1	9	0	8	59	2	0

REGIMENTAL SPORTS, 1923-24.

The Regimental Sports were to have been held at the end of September last year, but owing to the exigencies of training they were postponed, and eventually took place after very short notice on 18th March.

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Considering that no one had had time in which to train, the form shown was of a far higher standard than at the last sports, and this was particularly noticeable in the longer distances. Out of 24 untrained starters for the 3 Miles, only 3 failed to finish, and in all the races there seemed to be more determination and grit shown than in 1922.

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The system of scoring was the same as at the last meeting. Each Company entered a team of 4 for each track event and 2 for each field event, the men who were left in the finals of the track events scoring points towards winning each event, and the teams who held the best aggregate heights or distances won the field events. The Relay Races were marked twice as high as the "Team" events, and the Tug-of-War counted 15 and 10 for the 1st and 2nd places. In the Obstacle Race each Company ran in turn, and the time of the twelfth man to finish gave the time of the Company, the team with the shortest time winning the event. The points for this were the same as for the Relay Races.

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Although there were no particularly close finishes, the interest was kept up by the changing positions of the Companies on the scoring board, a copy of which is given below.

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Z Company are to be congratulated on winning the Sports Cup for the second year in succession.

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SCORE SHEET.

MORNING.

Coy.		100 yds. Team	440 yds. Team	High Jump	880 yds. Team	Long Jump	Mile, Team	220 yds. Team
A	Points for each event	10	10	5	0	5	0	6
	Total	10	20	25	25	30	30	36
B	Points for each event	0	8	4	0	4	6	8
	Total	0	8	12	12	16	22	30
W	Points for each event	0	4	2	8	2	0	2
	Total	0	4	6	14	16	16	18
X	Points for each event	4	0	3	6	6	8	0
	Total	4	4	7	13	19	27	27
Y	Points for each event	8	6	0	0	3	0	4
	Total	8	14	14	14	17	17	21
Z	Points for each event	6	2	6	10	1	10	10
	Total	6	8	14	24	25	35	45

AFTERNOON.

	400 yds. Relay	3 miles Team	Putting the Shot.	2 miles Relay	Tug-of-War.	Obstacle Race.	Medley Relay.	Score	Place
A ..	16	0	3	4	0	0	4	63	5
	52	52	55	59	59	59	63		
B ..	4	6	1	0	10	4	0	55	6
	34	40	41	41	51	55	55		
W ..	8	4	4	12	0	12	8	66	3
	26	30	34	46	46	58	66		
X ..	0	10	5	16	15	20	20	113	2
	27	37	42	58	73	93	113		
Y ..	12	2	2	8	0	8	12	65	4
	33	35	37	45	45	53	65		
Z ..	20	8	6	20	0	16	16	131	1
	65	73	79	99	99	115	131		

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100 *Yards, Team.*—Fus. Obey, A group, 1st; Mr. C. E. Beckwith, Z, 2nd; Fus. Power, Y, 3rd; Fus. Urwin, X, 4th; Cpl. Peppiatt Y 5th; Cpl. Obey M.M. A 6th. Time: 11 secs; won by inches. Order of Companies: A, 1st; Y, 2nd; Z, 3rd; X, 4th.

220 *Yards, Team.*—Mr. I. J. Kilgour, B group, 1st; Mr. Beckwith, Z, 2nd; Fus. Obey, A, 3rd; Cpl. Peppiatt, Y, 4th; Cpl. Hackett, Z, 5th; Sgt. Locke, W, 6th. Time: 25 secs. Order of Companies: Z, 1st; B, 2nd; A, 3rd; Y, 4th; W, 5th.

440 *Yards, Team.*—Mr. I. J. Kilgour, B, 1st; Fus. Power, Y, 2nd; Fus. Cooke, A, 3rd; Mr. F. H. Butterfield, A, 4th; Fus. Kellett, W, 5th; Fus. Collighan, Z, 6th. Time: 54½ secs. Order of Companies: A, 1st; B, 2nd; Y, 3rd; W, 4th; Z, 5th.

880 *Yards, Team.*—Fus. Warren, Z, 1st; Fus. Shears, W, 2nd; Fus. W. R. Johnson, X, 3rd; Fus. Humphries, Z, 4th; Lce.-Cpl. Nash, Z, 5th; Fus. Collighan, Z, 6th. Time: 2 mins. 23⅘ secs. Order of Companies: Z, 1st; W, 2nd; X, 3rd.

1 *Mile, Team.*—Mr. R. Forbes Watson, X, 1st; Fus. Warren, Z, 2nd; Lce.-Cpl. Nash, Z, 3rd; Fus. Humphries, Z, 4th; Fus. McClean, X, 5th; Fus. Ruskin, B, 6th. Time: 5 mins, 25 secs. Order of Companies: Z, 1st; X, 2nd; B, 3rd.

3 *Miles, Team.*—X Company's team: Fus. Johnson (1st). Mr. Forbes Watson (2nd), Fus. McClean (6th), Fus. McCarthy (9th), 82 points, 1st. Z Company's team: Fus. Ashton (7th), Fus. Wallis (8th), Fus. Irvine (11th), Fus. Coxon (18th), 56 points, 2nd. Time: 18 mins. 5 secs. Order of other Companies: B, 3rd; W, 4th; Y, 5th; A, 6th.

Team Long Jump.—X Company, 34ft. 8½ins., 1st; A group, 32ft., 2nd; B, 3rd; Y, 4th; W, 5th; Z, 6th. Fus. Urwin, X, 17ft. 10ins., 1st; Mr. I. J. Kilgour, B, 17ft. 4ins., 2nd.

Team High Jump.—Z Company, 9ft. 5ins., 1st; A group, 9ft. 2ins. 2nd; B, 3rd; X, 4th; W, 5th. Mr. C. E. Beckwith, 4ft. 9ins., 1st; Fus. Obey, A, and Fus. Humphries, Z, 4ft. 8ins., 2nd.

Putting the Shot.—Z Company 64ft. 4½ins. 1st; X Company, 55ft. 7ins., 2nd; W, 3rd; A, 4th; Y, 5th; B, 6th. Mr. C. E. Beckwith, Z, 36ft. ½in. 1st; Major R. E. Critchley-Salmonson, M.C., X, 29ft. 8ins., 2nd.

400 *Yards Relay* (4 *at* 100 *Yards*).—Z Company (Mr. C. E. Beckwith, Cpl. Hackett, Fus. Humphries, Fus. Edwards) 1st; A group, 2nd; Y, 3rd; W, 4th; B, 5th; X, 6th. Time: 47 secs.

Two Miles Relay (4 *at* 880 *Yards*).—Z Company (Fus. Humphries, Lce.-Cpl. Nash, Fus. Collighan, Fus. Warren) 1st; X, 2nd; W, 3rd; Y, 4th; A, 5th. Time: 9 mins. 45 secs.

One and a half Miles Medley Relay (7 *at* 220, 220, 440, 880, 440, 220, 220).—X Company(Lce.-Cpl. Avery, Lce.-Cpl. Bell, Fus. J. H. Chambers, Mr. R. Forbes Watson, Fus. W. R. Johnson, Fus. H. Taylor, Fus. Urwin), 1st; Z, 2nd; Y, 3rd; W, 4th; A, 5th; B, 6th. Time: 6 mins. 23 secs.

Tug-of-War (110 *stone*, 12 *foot pulls*).—First Round: B pulled Z; X pulled W; A and Y byes. Second Round: B pulled A, X pulled Y; Final: X pulled B.

Obstacle Race.—X Company, 1 min. 37 secs., 1st; Z, 1 min. 49⅕ secs., 2nd; W, 1 min. 55⅕ secs., 3rd; Y, 1 min. 56 secs., 4th; B, 2 mins. 6 secs., 5th; A, 2 mins. 34 secs., 6th.

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Final order of Companies:—

1st	Z Company	131	points.
2nd	X ,, ...	113	,,
3rd	W ,, ...	66	,,
4th	Y ,, ...	65	,,
5th	A Group	63	,,
6th	B ,, ...	55	,,

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REGIMENTAL CROSS-COUNTRY RUN, 1923-24.

We don't know how long it takes to make a tradition, but if only it will rain during the cross-country run next year we may safely say that a downpour is the traditional weather for the occasion. Last year it was so wet that the judges who were writing down the order of arrival found their paper turning to pulp, and this year, although their writing materials were sheltered by a tarpaulin stretched over their heads, a continuous stream of water was directed through divers holes down the backs of their necks.

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The course was about 5 miles long on roads and rough tracks which the rain had made very slippery. There were 314 starters, each Company being allowed to enter as many as it liked, the place of the twenty-fifth man of a Company giving the place of the Company.

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X Company repeated their success of last year. The following was the order of the Companies with the place of the 25th man of each Company:—1st, X, 77; 2nd, Z, 111; 3rd, Y, 149; 4th, W, 171; 5th, A group, 183; 6th, B group.

THE 2ND RHINE BRIGADE INTER-COMPANY CUP.

By the kindness of Colonel-Commandant A. C. Kennedy, C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding our old Brigade, we competed as a Fifth Battalion in this Cup, which was presented by the Brigade Commander.

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We entered teams from Y and Z Companies.

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The games played were:—

1. Y Coy. *v.* B. Coy., Royal Tank Corps. Y Coy. won, 2—1.
2. Y Coy. *v.* H.Q. Coy., K.O.Y.L.I. Y Coy. lost, 2—4.
3. Z Coy. *v.* H.Q. Coy., 60th Rifles. Z Coy. won, 3—1.
4. Z Coy. *v.* H.Q. Coy., D.C.L.I. Z Coy. won, 1—0.

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The final, Z Coy. *v.* H.Q. Coy., K.O.Y.L.I., was a keenly contested game and produced great interest. Z Coy. won by 2 points to 1.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

March, 1924.

The contributor would like to offer his deepest regrets for the absence of notes last month.

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We did not know that our columns were so popular, but during the month complaints have reached us from the four corners of numerous tables, and we have swelled our chest with pride.

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Probably the efforts of our "Gilbertian" writer have been missed.

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By the time these notes are in print, it is very probable that "Our Day" will have dawned and fallen.

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The Ball Committee has been appointed and have their estimates, etc., cut and dried, but whether the Ball will materialize before the end of December one cannot say.

Rumour hath it (but only rumour, mark you) that nearly all of our members will be absent from Cologne, on duty (detachment, guard, etc.) on St. George's Day.

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However, next month, we'll say more about it.

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Our Billiards Tournament (commenced January, 1924) is nearing its final stage—we move very rapidly, so rapidly, in fact, that one member who lost in the first round, on account of being a beginner, is now willing to meet the present finalists, and has laid odds that he beats them.

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On 5th March a successful Whist Drive and Dance was held in the Mess, when we had much pleasure in entertaining about 45 visitors.

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We thank Mrs. Windram for kindly presenting the prizes.

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We have much pleasure in welcoming to our midst the following stalwarts:—C.S.M. Clarke, from 4th Batt.; Sgt. A. E. Deeks,

from 4th Batt.; Sgt. S. C. Clarke, from 5th Batt.; also Lce.-Sgt. Locke, on appointment.

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We wish them all the very best of luck, and a comfortable time during their stay with us.

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Sgt. J. Curtis has returned from the War Office School of Education, and like all of them, is bursting with knowledge. One thing, however, has him guessing—Music ! ! ! !

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Our sketch this month speaks for itself. It deals with the "March and Shoot" Competition, in connection with the "Champion Company."

OUR MONTHLY CHESTNUT NO. 16.

Scene: A road near Rondorf. *Time*: About 12 noon.
On the road, a Sergeant leading a Platoon.

Sergeant (*muttering*): 'The hours creep on apace,
My heavy heart is quaking.
Oh! that I might retract
The step that I am taking.'

(He sees the C.O. approaching; he develops several kinds of "wind up.").

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Sergeant (*still muttering*) :

When he is gone
I'll sigh with pleasure,
While he is here
I'll sigh with grief.
My hopeless fear
No one can measure ;
I hope he smiles,
'Twill give my aching soul relief.

(The Platoon is inspected and passes on. They near Barracks and look at the clock).

Chorus : Too late, too late,
It may not be ;
That lan-e-yard
Is not for we.

A.H.M.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

March, 1924.

March, like all marches, route or otherwise, has been full of varied emotions. The weather has been by turns deplorable and delightful, and there has been much to occupy minds and bodies.

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The solemn season of Lent has brought home to us more forcibly than ever the extreme difficulty of negotiating a loan :

" Since all our rent
Is spent, or lent."

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With the improvement in the weather our spirits brightened somewhat, however, and Spring, gentle maiden, has announced her advent in the usual ways, to wit, bright sunshine, intensive training, long days, longer stories from the " Old Brigade," and a fine crop of " face fungus " on the upper lips of the younger members. Also spring-cleaning. At long last the carpet, which, like Charity, covered a multitude of sins, has been literally dug up, and replaced by an artistic affair in pale grey. Long may it retain its pristine beauty ! We have hopes of effecting further improvements shortly.

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The Sports gave rise to a good deal of speculation. One hardy veteran went into strict training for a race which didn't materialize—at least, to use his own phrase, he " adopted regular 'abits." It would be interesting to know exactly (*a*) how much was laid against his winning, and (*b*) how much did he ***think*** was laid.

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At all events the preliminary canters on the Square provided immense entertainment.

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St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in the usual manner. 'Nuff sed !

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G. K. Chesterton, for fantastic romancing, has been outpointed. He wrote : " God pardon us, nor harden us, we did not see so clear

The night we went to Bannockburn by way of Brighton Pier."

One of our 1903 vintage declares that having passed Aden he straightway entered the Yellow Sea. Bob down, Gilbert ! !

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A sleepy sentry was galvanized into astonishing activity very early the other morning by the sight of one of the gentlemen of the band seated precariously on a war-horse. One of the " Noise Department," at any rate, takes his pleasures sadly.

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Overheard :

No. I. : " How is So-and-So getting along with his musketry ?"

No. II. : " Well, Sir, he's still an illiterate shot ! "

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On the Barrack Square :—

" When the command ' Stand at ease ' is given, the left foot will be carried off the full twelve *paces*."

As Shakespeare says :—" Lo, he doth bestride the narrow world Like a Colossus."

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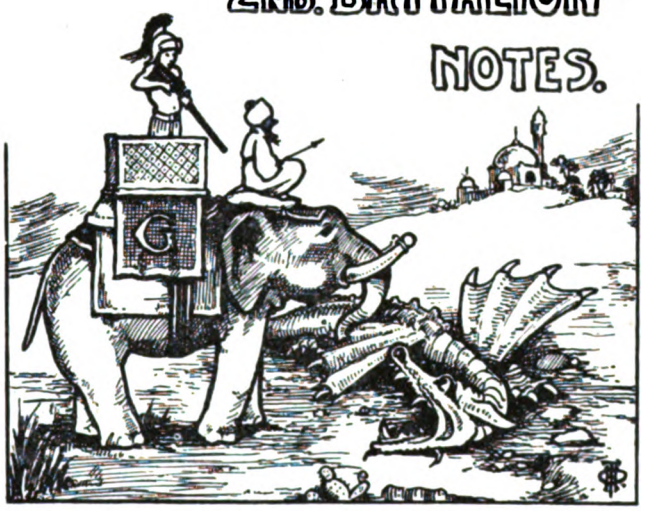
We offer our congratulations to our energetic ex-president, who has girded himself about with a red sash, and joined the exalted on the far side of the Square. More power to him.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,
INDIA,
26th February, 1924.

Since we last wrote, we have been full up with various sporting events. The Inter-Company Football and Hockey Leagues, the Inter-Platoon Football and Hockey Knock-out Competitions are in full swing ; the Lucknow Brigade Area Athletic Meeting and Boxing Competition have been held, a team is training for the Brigade Cross-country Race, and the Regimental Team are engaged in the Lucknow Area Football and Hockey Leagues.

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In spite of this athletic activity due observance has been paid to our profession. On 9th February we were inspected by the District Commander, Major-General C. J. Deverell, C.B., who decided to inspect our full panoply of war.

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For several days before his inspection, the Officers' Mess presented a curious spectacle, resembling the Green Room of a repertory company, in that Officers were observed walking about in a melancholy manner, rehearsing, sotto voice, their various parts ; sometimes we fear with more inventiveness than veracity.

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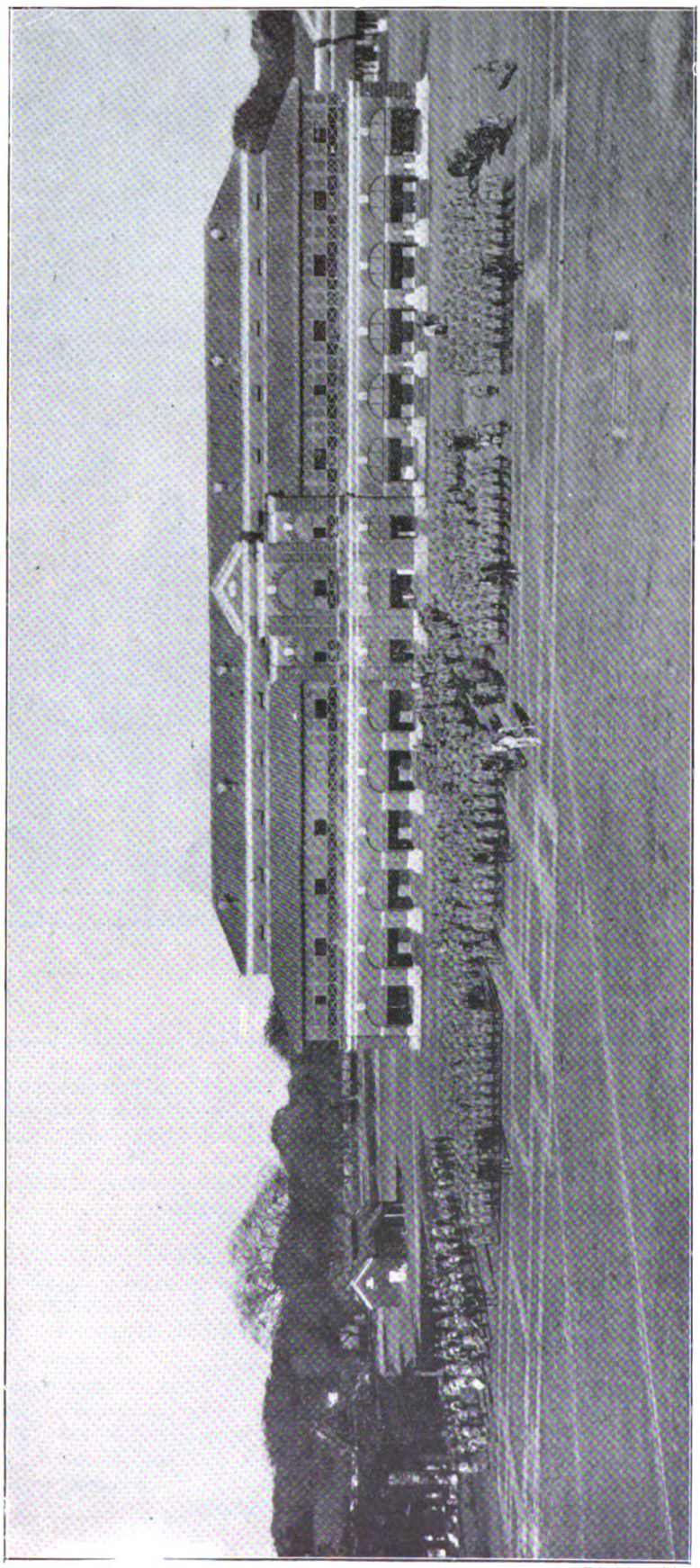

2ND BATT. 5TH FUSILIERS ON PARADE, FYZABAD, FEBRUARY, 1924.

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The polo team went down to Lucknow at the end of January to take part in the tournament, an account of which is given elsewhere. They are now away at Delhi, for the Infantry Tournament.

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We are very pleased to have Colonel Herbert staying with us. He played in the polo team at Lucknow, and then came on to Fyzabad. He has been coaching the team for the Infantry Cup, and we are very lucky to have had his advice, and to be able to have him playing for us.

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Major Foster went to the Artillery Practice Camp at Kutwa on 30th January for ten days; Lieut. McLean has proceeded to the United Kingdom on eight months' leave, and we hope that in spite of the machinations of the Irish Free State, he will have a good time.

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Lieut. Attwater is at the Small Arms School, Pachmarhi, on a three months' course, perfecting his knowledge of the art of scientific slaughter.

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The 9th Battery of the Royal Field Artillery arrived in the Station on 10th February, and we hope now to be able to get more games outside the Regiment, instead of so many Inter-Company matches.

LUCKNOW BRIGADE FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

When we entered for this League our football team was rather an unknown quantity. What we did know, however, was that we should be up against some pretty useful sides, notably the 1st Batt. The Cheshire Regiment and the 16th/5th Lancers, who have both done very well in the Durand Cup at Simla this autumn, the former actually winning it, the latter only being knocked out in the semi-final after a hard fight. Our team, however, rose to the occasion, and as will be seen from a glance at the results acquitted themselves very creditably. Our final team consisted of the following:—

Lce.-Cpl. Easom (H.Q.).
Lce.-Cpl. Palmer (D). Fus. Jennings (A).
Sgt. Bowker (B) (capt.). Cpl. Walker (A). Fus. Turner (C)
Lce.-Cpl. Cross (D), Fus. Whitelock (B), Sgt. Green (A),
Fus. Burns (H.Q.), Cpl. Young (D).

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Played at Fyzabad on Thursday, 17th January:—

5th Fusiliers, 3; 16/*5th Lancers*, 2.

In this our first match we found ourselves up against a fast, well-balanced team. However, from the kick-off our team took the offensive, and goals were scored by Fusiliers Bell and Whitelock. The Lancers quickly rallied and scored twice, so that half-time found the score 2—2.

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The second half was a ding-dong struggle with both sides playing their hardest; however, no score resulted until shortly before the end, when Whitelock scored again from a penalty, thus leaving us winners, 3—2.

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Played at Lucknow on Thursday, 31st January:—

5th Fusiliers, 3; 16/*5th Lancers*, 1.

The 16/5th Lancers' forwards pressed continuously during the first half of the game, and after a quarter of an hour their right wing scored. It was only due to the excellent play of our defence that this lead was not added to before half-time.

The second half opened with some midfield play, then the ball was taken to the Lancers' goal-mouth, and Fus. Whitelock headed an excellent goal from a corner kick by Cpl. Young. This was the turning point of the game, as from now on our forwards had control of the ball almost the whole time. Fus. Whitelock scored again from a corner kick by Fus. Burns, and the latter added another after a really good run down the right wing.

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5th Fusiliers, 0; *1st Batt. The Cheshire Regt.*, 1.

The game commenced unfortunately for us, as one of our team, endeavouring to clear in front of goal, scored for the opposing side.

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The Cheshire Regiment then made repeated attacks on our goal, but failed to score owing to the good work of our goal-keeper.

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After this lapse our team pulled itself together and by clever passing took the ball to their opponents' half, where it remained for the greater part of the first half, however, they failed to score owing to some wild shooting and lack of co-operation by the forwards.

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The second half commenced with up and down play, but gradually developed into a series of attacks by our opponents which were only checked by some good work by our backs. Our forwards did not work together, and although they got the ball away to their opponents' goal on several occasions, except for one or two individual efforts never looked like scoring.

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The game was played at a great pace throughout, and although our forwards made desperate efforts to equalise before time, no further goal was added to the score.

19TH INFANTRY BRIGADE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP.

Held at Lucknow on Friday and Saturday, 22nd and 23rd February, 1924.

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The following units entered teams:—

16/5th Lancers.
2nd 5th Fusiliers.
1st D.C.L.I.
1st Batt. The Cheshire Regt.
M.T.T.C.
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Lucknow Auxiliary Force.
43rd Battery, R.F.A.

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Teams consisted of four in the track and field events, tug-of-war teams of 110 stone, and a relay team. The method of scoring towards Champion Unit was as follows:—

Tug-of-War.—Winning Team, 10 points.
Runner-up, 5 points.
Relay Race.—Winning Team, 10 points.
Runner-up, 5 points.
Flat and Field Events.—1st, 6 points.
2nd, 4 points.
3rd, 2 points.

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We managed to send in a fairly strong team to Lucknow, which succeeded in winning us the Championship Cup with 51

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points, the runners-up being the 1st Batt. The D.C.L.I. with 31 points.

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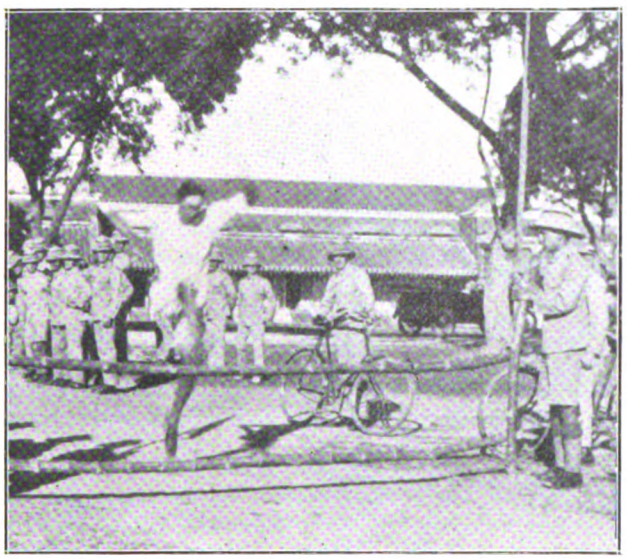
100 *Yards*.—Cpl. Dickinson, Lce.-Cpl. Wooll, Sgt. Salt, Fus.



FUSILIER VEITCH WINNING CROSS-COUNTRY RACE.

Cooper. Fus. Cooper was unable to run, Cpl. Dickinson and Sgt. Salt were eliminated during the preliminary heats. Lce.-Cpl. Wooll, after getting away badly, won the final heat easily in 10 3/5 secs.

220 *Yards*.—Cpl. Dickinson, Lce.-Cpl. Wooll, Sgt. Salt, Lieut. Tarleton. Lce.-Cpl. Wooll and Sgt. Salt qualified for the final, finishing second and fourth respectively. The winner's time was 25 1/5th secs.

440 *Yards*.—Capt. Plummer, Bandsman Knox, Fus. Powell, Fus. Hay. This event was divided into six heats, so that we had one representative in four of them. Our first three strings, however, all finished second in their respective heats, and therefore did not qualify for the final. Fus. Hay was more successful, but could only finish second in a fast run final. Time, 55 secs.

880 *Yards*.—Bandsman Knox, Fus. Clark finished third and fifth respectively in a fast run race. Time unknown.

1 *Mile*.—Fus. Veitch, Fus. Noel, Lce.-Cpl. Charlton, Lce.-Cpl. Daley. Fus. Veitch won a well-judged race very easily in 4 minutes 54 secs. Fus. Noel undoubtedly would have run well too, but was unfortunately not well and could not do himself justice.

High Jump.—In this event the standard was exceptionally high, four entrants clearing over 5ft. 4ins., two of whom cleared 5ft. 7ins., but failed at 5ft. 8ins. Our team were completely outclassed, as none of them succeeded in clearing more than 5ft., although Lieuts. Hopper and Tarleton, Fusiliers Burn and Allen all cleared over 4ft. 10ins.

Long Jump.—Cpl. Dickinson, Fus. Andrews, Lce.-Cpl. Charlton, Fus. Burn. This event was carried out in almost complete darkness, so that it was impossible for anyone to do himself justice. Cpl. Dickinson was the winner with 18ft. 8½ins., Fus. Andrews being third at 18ft.

120 *Yards Hurdles*.—Sgt. Fitzgerald, Fus. Burn, Fus. Murphy, Fus. Andrews. In this event also we have no outstanding athletes, and in consequence all failed to finish in the first three.

Putting the Weight.—Sgt. Keith, Fus. Whitelock. The standard in this event was poor, Sgt. Keith being eventually placed second with a putt just under 30ft.

Tug-of-War.—Bandsman Briers, Lce.-Cpl. Johnson, Lce.-Cpl. Scott, Fus. Gage, Fus. Brown, Fus. Clifford, Fus. Salisbury, Lce.-Cpl. Sell, Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, Fus. Dixon. Fus. Adamson should have pulled, but was found to be too heavy, Lce.-Cpl. Johnson being included instead. Cpl. Dickinson acted as coach. In the first round we pulled the 1st Batt. The Cheshire Regiment; this placed us into the final, which was won easily by the 1st D.C.L.I.

Relay Race.—Capt. Plummer, 440 yards; Cpl. Dickinson 220 yards; Lce.-Cpl. Wooll, 220 yards; Fus. Hay, 440 yards. We assumed the lead from the start and eventually won easily. Time unknown.

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Although in the end our team succeeded in winning the Cup fairly easily, we had some rather bad luck, particularly on the first day; this was mainly due to the bad surface and narrowness of the track, which in some cases prevented competitors who had been hanging back coming through at the finish, which they undoubtedly would have done had this been possible. This was most noticeable in the 220 Yards and 440 Yards.

CRICKET.

We played our first Regimental Cricket Match on 17th February, beating the remainder of the Garrison by seven wickets in a two-innings match after an exciting finish. Set 69 runs to make in the last innings in thirty minutes, we scrambled home with only four balls to spare. Scoring on both sides was low—the result of lack of practice. Bandsman Trower and Major Foster got some runs in each innings, but the latter should remember that two eyes on the ball are better than one on the guard-room roof. Our bowling was indeed variable. Armourer-Staff-

THE FORTUNE TELLER'S TENT.

Sergeant Adams, although far from his best before lunch, came out with a good average in the second innings of four wickets for twenty-three runs. The brightest spot was our fielding—every catch which came to hand being held.

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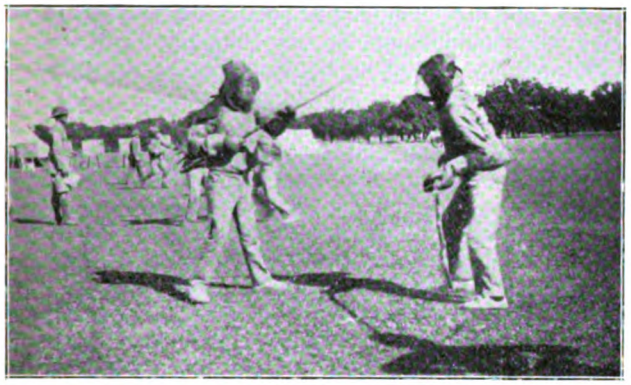
Mr. Grimley and Lce.-Cpl. Purcell were greatly missed in all departments of the game. It is to be hoped that they will



INTER-PLATOON COCK FIGHT.

both return in time for next season to take more wickets and make more runs.

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Cricket match played at Fyzabad on 17th February between Garrison *v.* 5th Fusiliers :—

GARRISON.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Sgt. Dougherty, c Hall, b Tarleton	1	c Ovans, b Flatman	10
Br. Wells, b Tarleton	4	st. Platt, b Adams	8
Shearburn, b Tarleton	8	c Ovans, b Flatman	7
Carey, c Scott, b Churchill	21	c Foster, b Adams	0
Ramsford, b Flatman	5	b Adams	1
Roberts, b Tarleton	0	b Churchill	10
McCalmont, c Platt, b Tarleton	1	c Churchill, b Tarleton	20
Walker, c and b Flatman	3	not out	0
Dawson, b Churchill	9	c Trower, b Flatman	0
Mohd. Jafer, not out	15	b Adams	20
Sardar Wali Mohd., c Foster, b Tarleton	12	b Hall	3
Extras	2	Extras	9
Total	81	Total	88

5TH FUSILIERS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Major Ovans, b Shearburn	0		
Bdsmn. Trower, lbw, b Sardar Wali Mohd	8	c Walker	16
W.O. Hall, b Sardar Wali Mohd	13		
S.Sgt. Adams, b Shearburn	3		
Major Platt, b Sardar Wali Mohd	15	not out	30
Sgt. Scott, played on, b Shearburn	1		
Major Foster, b Shearburn	11	c Carey, b Shearburn	20
Lieut. Tarleton, c Walker, b Shearburn	4		
Capt. Hogshaw, c Walker, b Sardar Wali Mohd	13	c Sardar Wali Mohd, b Shearburn	9
Boy Flatman, c Dawson, b Walker	4		
Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, not out	12		
Extras	16	Extras	4
Total	100	Total (for 3 wkts.)	79

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The team entered for this tournament was as follows :—

Mr. R. W. H. Fryer	1
Captain T. C. L. Redwood	2
Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert	3
Lt.-Col. H. R. Sandilands	Back.

The first round was against the 1st Batt. D.C.L.I., to whom we conceded two goals on handicap. Throughout the four chukkers we had the best of the game, the final score being 15—2.

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In the second round we met the Pack Artillery Training Cadre, to whom we conceded the same handicap. This resulted in a win for us 7—2, after a fast galloping game, which put us into the finals.

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In the final round we met the 16/5th Lancers' "B" Team. Both teams started level on handicap.

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In the first chukker we had the best of the game and scored two goals. In the second chukker the Lancers equalised, whilst we missed one or two chances of scoring. The Lancers added another goal in each of the remaining two chukkers; the final score resulting in a win for the Lancers by 4 goals to 2. We were greatly assisted throughout the tournament by the inclusion in our team of an experienced player in Colonel Herbert, who came down from Poona with a view to practising before the Infantry Tournament at the end of February.

BOXING.

The 19th Infantry Brigade Boxing Tournament was held at Lucknow on the 20th, 21st and 22nd February. The competition was an individual competition, and the Battalion sent seventeen representatives, of whom four were boys who had entered for the boys' over and under 16 competitions.

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Our men gave a very good account of themselves, and we succeeded in winning the Light-Heavies and the Middle-Weight, whilst Boy Flatman and Boy Martin won the boys' under 16 and over 16 competitions respectively.

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Had better luck attended us, we might have gained further successes, for Fusilier Hosker, who was greatly favoured for his weight, slipped and dislocated his arm, and was unable to continue; whilst Fusilier Jacobs lost his fight on points, after

CHRISTMAS WEEK : COMPANY MULE-POLO.

seeming to score heavily and knocking his man down for a count of seven.

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Fusilier Hosker deserves credit for the manner in which he endeavoured to carry on in spite of his injuries, and our sympathy for his accident.

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As no Officer was available to go to Lucknow with the team, Sgt. Keith went in charge.

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The results are given below :—

LIGHT-HEAVIES.

Semi-Final.—Sgt. Keith, 5th Fusiliers, knocked out Sgt. Mayho, of the Lucknow I.A.F.

Final.—Pte. Watts (D.C.L.I.) scratched to Sgt. Keith, 5th Fusiliers.

MIDDLES.

1st Series.—Fus. Whitelock knocked out Pte. Roberts, D.C.L.I.

Final.—Fus. Whitelock knocked out Pte. Watt (D.C.L.I.).

Fus. Salisbury, 5th Fusiliers, lost on points in 1st Series.

WELTERS.

1st Series.—Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, 5th Fusiliers, knocked out Bdsmn. Milburn, 5th Fusiliers.

1st Series.—Lce.-Cpl. Hornsby, 5th Fusiliers, won on points.

Semi-Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, 5th Fusiliers, lost on points.

Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Hornsby lost on points after a good fight.

LIGHT-WEIGHT.

1st Series.—Fus. Milburn (B Coy.), 5th Fusiliers, lost on points after a very hard fight.

FEATHERS.

1st Series.—Drmr. Turner, 5th Fusiliers, lost on points after an extra round.

1st Series.—Fus. Jacobs, 5th Fusiliers, won on points.

1st Series.—Fus. Milburn (A Coy.), 5th Fusiliers, won on points.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Milburn lost on points.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Jacobs lost on points after a very good fight.

Fus. Oakes, 5th Fusiliers, was knocked out in 1st Series after a very plucky fight.

BANTAMS.

1st Series.—Fus. Hosker, 5th Fusiliers, sustained an injury and was unable to continue.

Semi-Final.—Bdsmn. Anderson, 5th Fusiliers, was knocked out in 1st round.

BOYS UNDER 16.

Final.—Boy Flatman, 5th Fusiliers, beat Boy Carter, on points.

BOYS OVER 16.

Semi-Final.—Boy Martin, 5th Fusiliers, beat Boy Burns, 5th Fusiliers, on points after a hard fight.

Final.—Boy Martin, 5th Fusiliers, beat Boy Southern, Cheshire Regt., on points.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

February, 1924.

The month of February is, I think, one of the best in the whole year from a soldier's point of view. The climate is wondrously fresh, with just that nip in the early morning to make one enjoy "On the toes march," etc., before breakfast. This month also, as far as we are concerned, marks the culminating point in training activity, as, from now onward, the great topic is, "Who is going up the Hills?" etc., as well as leave to the unfortunate(!) individuals who do not go to the "Roof of the World!"

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The past month has been remarkable for the number of shooting trips that have been undertaken by members of the Mess; this entrancing sport the more one indulges in it becomes an obsession, and I think we realize now one of the regrets on leaving India for home.

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A few senior members, plus one junior, decided to go crocodile shooting for two days. After most elaborate preparations by the junior, who acted D.A.Q.M.G. to the party, our senior member, who has taken diplomas for map-reading, directed our boat and shikari to a point at least 6 miles further up the river. After endless wandering we eventually came up to our boat, at four o'clock in the evening, our only food being raw turnips and carrots, everything else being on the boat. We didn't take long to "drum up," and an hour later we left for the "Bluff" about six miles up river. As we were pulling into

THE SECOND CROCODILE.

main stream we saw a croc., lying on the bank apparently asleep. B. and S.J. got out of the boat on to the bank and had a shot at about 60 yards range, completely breaking its spine. It was a fine specimen of gharial measuring from snout to tail 12 feet 3 inches. This raised our spirits considerably, and, together with the aid of a *protector* against the chill of the evening, made all of us quite congenial. So ended the first day, the most remarkable event being the adroitness with which certain members of the party manipulated a huge basket on their head.

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The following day we got another croc., and if we had had the least bit of luck we would certainly have done much better. We had an occasional shot at geese, there are swarms of them on the flats, but the distance is too great for a shot gun.

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There has been very little hockey or football played during the month, owing to the fact that the Platoon Knock-out and Company League has commenced, making it nearly impossible to get a Mess team together.

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The usual Dance and Whist Drives have been held, and what they lacked in attendance was amply made up by the great exuberance of spirits of those attending. An outstanding feature of one of the dances was the presentation of the Shooting Cup won by C.S.M. Tudor in 1921, and C.S.M. Hobson in 1922; with regard to the latter it was rather an appropriate time, as he left the following morning to take up his appointment with the Presidency Battalion, A.I.F., Calcutta.

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We wish him every success in his new vocation.

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We are experiencing unusual activity regarding photographs, celebrities and nonentities alike being smitten with this type of amusement. The Sergeants were naturally well to the fore, and, for the first time since the Battalion was reformed, the "Staff" turned out in regalia (swords), or one should say, cutlasses. One member was particularly unfortunate, his white blanco after endless trouble dried green; no names, no pack drill, but on inspection by the G.O.C. he was pointed out as "The Depôt"; nuff said.

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We have commenced preparing for our St. George's Ball. The Battalion abroad are rather unfortunate, as on St. George's Day the families are in the hills, and the weather is anything but suitable for dancing, so needs must when the devil, or rather the sun, drives; consequently we hold the ball about a month before time. But I'll deal more fully with that in next month's notes.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

Since writing the last notes one or two events have taken place, the most notable being the marriages of Corporals Springate and Tindall, who have forsaken that most blissful state of bachelorism for better or worse, and we one and all congratulate them heartily and wish them life-long happiness and wedded bliss. I wonder if any other member will try his hand at matrimony before the year is out; it certainly behoves one to converse warily with the fair sex this year.

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The dance which was held last month was a great success, entirely due to the untiring efforts of the President and his Committee and was greatly appreciated by every one. I understand that the President is a little grey-haired, but a much wiser man.

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The decorations were carried out under the direction of "Chucky," and left nothing to be desired. His method is that of the mathematician or geometer, I am not quite sure which; probably he employed both methods. However, his calculations were all done on the back of a cigarette packet.

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The Mess is becoming more lively nowadays, someone having introduced a card game called "RUMMY," which consists of priles, runs, Jockers, shuffles and one or two arguments. I don't think much intellect is required to play it, but it certainly is the rummiest game I have ever seen.

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We have done nothing much in the way of sport yet, owing to the fact that the playing fields are all booked up for Platoon and Company Knock-outs and League Games; up to the present we have only had one game, when we played the Band and Drums at Football, and were beaten by the only goal of the match. The original team which was picked would, I think, have beaten all comers, but most of them could not turn out, some having to play for their Platoons and others felt indisposed; it looked as if the match would have to be cancelled, but fortunately a scratch team was fixed up on the field. In the earlier part of the game a diminutive bandsman kept goal for the Corporals, but was latter replaced by a Corporal who was just as diminutive, if not more so. I will not attempt to describe the game, as there was very little to choose from either team, and it was more or less a ding-dong game from start to finish, the Band and Drums scoring the only goal of the game during the last minute of play.

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The 9th Battery, R.F.A., having arrived, some of our members paid a visit to the Bombardiers' Mess, and were made very welcome indeed. Arrangements to meet the Bombardiers at football have already been made, and we are looking forward to the game with much interest.

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Our Mess has lost a very good sportsman in the person of Jack Purcell, who has been granted a change to England owing to ill-health. He was a good all-round sportsman, and will be greatly missed, not only by the Corporals, but by all who knew him personally. We all wish him the best of luck and *bon voyage*.

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The following members have left us to try their fortunes in a better land (England); they carry with them the best wishes of the members:—Corporal Burdis, Corporal Carr, Corporal Murray, Lce.-Cpl. Cusick, Lce.-Cpl. Britt.

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The undermentioned was awarded a Third Class Certificate of Education, dated 14th November, 1923:—Lce.-Cpl. C. Thompson.

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
21st March, 1924.

If not too rash let us hope that Spring may soon be with us and it behoves us to see that "the flowers that blow in the Spring tra la," have something to do with the case; in other words we must look to the beautifying of our barrack gardens, though doubtless this will prove the signal for one of the worst April snowstorms and the devastation of our efforts at gardening.

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On 29th February General Sir Charles Harrington paid us his first visit since taking over the Northern Command; he saw the interior economy of the Depôt and expressed himself very pleased with all he saw.

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The Squad Commanders are to be congratulated with the way they turned out their rooms, and the new colour scheme, to say nothing of the curtains, are a great success.

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On 1st March Major-General Dudgeon, our Area Commander spent the morning with us and saw the squads at work; we regret the weather was unpropitious on this occasion, in fact the wind was so strong that it was almost impossible to stand upright on the Square.

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Major Booth left us on 13th March for a few weeks' leave and no doubt the wily trout is now regretting this.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
21st March, 1924.

C.S.M. J. O'Hara has been posted from the 1st Battalion for a tour of duty in relief of C.S.M. Graham, who is due for discharge on 26th April, 1924. To C.S.M. and Mrs. O'Hara we extend a most hearty welcome and best wishes for a successful tour of duty at the Depôt.

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C.S.M. Taylor left us on the 18th instant to embark on the s.s. *Appam* at Liverpool, *en route* to the West Coast on posting for a tour of duty with the West African Regt. To him a bon voyage, and hopes that his tour may be extended.

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Our Mess of late has become a centre of many social gather-

From a photo by] [*E. W. Gosman.*

ings, our friends the W.O.'s and Sgts. of the Royal Field Artillery being conspicuous by their presence in large numbers. Euchre schools have become somewhat conspicuous by their absence, owing it is presumed to lack of aspirants, rather than lack of cash. There are still a few that attempt to master the game (witness photograph published elsewhere), the figures in which will be familiar to many.

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Our Annual St. George's Ball will be held in Fenham Barracks on 22nd April, 1924, and to all past Warrant Officers and Sergeants we extend a hearty welcome. There are still many whose addresses we do not know. An invitation will be sent to any ex-member who cares to communicate with the President, St. George's Ball Committee, Sergeants' Mess, Fenham Barracks.

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Will all past and present Officers of the Regiment who are in the vicinity of Newcastle on the 22nd, in preparation for the "Aid Society" Ball to be held on Friday, 25th April, at the Barras Bridge Assembly Rooms, kindly accept this intimation that we shall be glad to have the honour of their presence at our Ball.

The usual Monthly Whist Drive and Social was held in the Mess on the 14th instant, the whist prize winners being as follows:—

Gents.	*Ladies.*
1st—Sgt. Speed, 5th Fusiliers.	1st—Mrs. Wardle, 5th Fusiliers.
2nd—S.M. Badger, O.T.C.	2nd—Mrs. Kane, 68th.

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Hopes were entertained that Sgt. Marrs would fill a position in the Depôt Football Team, but rumour has it he has lost his pan, or in other words, he is like the shop assistant who tried to sell a copy of the "Tale of Two Cities," and he will *not* run in the International Cross-Country Championship, at Gosforth Park on Saturday next.

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Sgt. Speed has been permitted to re-engage to complete 21 years with the colours.

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Sgt. Potts, of the 2nd Battalion, joined us on the 8th instant, and was discharged on the 9th instant by purchase.

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Congratulations to Lce.-Sgt. Hart on his promotion to Sgt. as from 28th November, 1923.

RUMOURS.

Who hasn't heard the rumour that the 68th Depôt, D.L.I., are moving to more pleasant surroundings in Durham, and forming a Depôt in their own county.

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Events are moving rapidly, and it would appear that "Rumour" will become "Fact," inasmuch as the Depôt, D.L.I., may shortly seek other pastures in Durham, and leave us and the R.F.A. (with an additional Battery of Artillery) the sole occupants of Fenham Barracks. More anon.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

After a very long silence, for which we all apologise, herewith our "doings" and "jubilations" of the last few weeks; the former "muchly" so.

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There are four Squads of strapping young fellows at present making an endeavour to plough the Barrack Square, hence the rather husky voices which can always be heard in the Mess when the "toil of the day is o'er."

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On the 29th of last month we held a Dance in the Garrison Gymnasium, which was quite a success, thanks to the unceasing efforts of the President, Dance Committee (Corporal Chapman) and his assistants. Dancing commenced at 8 and lasted well into the early hours. Among our many distinguished guests was "Willow" Burns, who gave a fine "demonstration" of the ever popular "Blues"—Gee—Believe me he can do 'em.

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Our "abode of peace" is certainly brightening up; the N.A.A.F.I. have built a lift from the Fusiliers' Coffee Bar to our room, whereby suppers, etc., can be speedily delivered. Lce.-Cpl. N—— was heard to remark: "It's all right but what about the waiters?" One Corporal seems greatly upset at the appearance of the new lift; we wonder why??? Of course we could suggest, but 'er—'er—per-per-haps SHE would not like it.

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We hope to arrange a special function for St. George's Day, which is rapidly approaching, and judging by our incoming profits (billiard money included) we should be able to make this a real "Bumper."

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,

22nd March, 1924.

The Winter Training Classes are finished, the attendances on the whole being disappointing. Let us hope that more Officers and N.C.O.'s will take advantage of the opportunity they offer next time.

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The Training Season proper has commenced and all the Drill Halls will be busy from now until we go to camp, putting both recruits and trained men through their individual and Platoon training.

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On Sunday, 2nd March, a Battalion Tactical Exercise was held at Hexham, which was very well attended both by Officers, W.O.'s and senior N.C.O.'s. The C.O. who has been suffering from the results of a visit to his dentist, was unable to conduct the exercise, and in his absence the Adjutant officiated.

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The following were present :—Capt. G. L. Bradley, Capt. A. B. Hare, M.C., Capt. G. E. Charlewood, Capt. R. Wood, Capt. F. B. Clarke, Lieut. B. Peacock, M.C. (just !), Lieut. W. M. Gibson, M.C., Lieut. J. W. McL. Anderson, 2nd-Lieut. A. McLellan, 2nd-Lieut. J. M. Todd, D.F.C., R.Q.M.S. Connell, C.S.M. Mower, C.S.M. McTeer, C.S.M. Pears, C.Q.M.S. Sparrow, C.Q.M.S. Brown, Sgt. West, Sgt. Davidson, Sgt. Gilholme, Sgt. Craddock, Sgt. Graham.

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In spite of Arctic conditions, a very interesting day in the open was spent and the general opinion appeared to be that everyone learnt something. The keenness displayed by all and the numbers who turned out made the whole show a great success. The Commisiariat arrangements were not all they might have been, and next time we must arrange for a decent meal to be included in the programme.

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On Tuesday, 4th March, Major Salt, the Command Education Officer, lectured at Newburn on "The Communications of the Empire," a very interesting subject, very ably dealt with. A letter was subsequently received by the C.O. from Major Salt, expressing the lecturer's appreciation of the arrangements made for the lecture and the interest exhibited by the audience.

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On Thursday, 6th March, the Monthly Officers' Dinner took place at Tilley's Restaurant, Newcastle, only six Officers turning up. It is now under consideration as to whether we revert to the Monthly Luncheon instead of the dinner, or hold the dinner quarterly instead of every month.

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A few recruits are trickling in, but everybody will have to get busy if we are to have the Battalion up to strength before Camp. We still require another 90 men.

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The Brigade Tactical Exercise at Ripon was well attended by Officers of the Battalion, and proved to be very interesting and of great value. A visit was paid to some of the Training Areas and to the site of our Camp for Annual Training. Ripon is undoubtedly going to be a great improvement on Catterick,

AN OFFICER HERE IS LOCATING HIS TROOPS, WHO POSTED AS OUTPOSTS, ARE SCATTERED IN GROUPS. 'TIS SELDOM HE FINDS THEM, EXCEPT WHEN THE WHISTLE ANNOUNCES THE "CLOSE", OR MAYBE A THISTLE —

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— HAS PUNCTURED THE PANTS OF A PEACE-LOVING PICKET AND PROTESTS OF PASSION RESOUND FROM THE THICKET, WHILE THE "BOARD OF PROMOTION" AGREED IT WAS NOT THAT A PICKET SHOULD CHOOSE SO UNPLEASANT A SPOT.

and the local inhabitants seem to be "all out" to make our fortnight there a thoroughly enjoyable one.

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Brigade Headquarters are arranging for another Tactical Exercise at Ripon on 2nd, 3rd and 4th May.

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Major Duke, D.S.O., M.C., the G.S.O. 2 of the Division, visited the Drill Halls of the Battalions on 19th March.

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HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Since the last notes were written there has been considerable week-end military activity among the Officers and N.C.O.'s, including (1) A Week-end Course at the Depôt; (2) A Tactical Scheme at Hexham on Sunday, the 2nd instant; and (3) A Week-end at Ripon.

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Each event was much enjoyed and we hope to reap the benefits later on.

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I hear the Depôt Staff and a considerable number of the Officers of the Brigade are looking for the blood of the individual who suggested that future Week-end Depôt Courses should not finish until 5 p.m. on the Sunday.

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We understand Allendale is to be the venue of a future week-end Camp, and we are quite looking forward to it.

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Ripon struck us as a better place than we had imagined, and the site chosen for the Camp should be very suitable.

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One of the finest and most amusing sights we can remember was that of the four Quarter-Masters of the Brigade laying out the Camp. It would be impossible to imagine four men more in their element.

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Recruits (except in the form of cats under our Sergt.-Instructor's window) are still slow in coming forward—however, we are still confident of getting some more in the near future.

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We congratulate our C.S.M. and Mrs. Pears on the arrival of another daughter, and wish them all a happy future.

5TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

WALKER,

25th March, 1924.

Recruiting and training are now in full swing and somehow or other it seems to have gone off with a real bang this time.

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Certainly as far as the Officers are concerned this has been a most important month. Enthusiasm de luxe—3 Staff rides on 3 consecutive week-ends. The first, at Chollerford, was a real success in all directions. The weather was all that could be desired—the tactical exercise was at once thorough, instructive and interesting.

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Working schemes from the map is comparatively easy—the sand table manœuvre does not appear a difficult job—but getting out on to the ground and doing the job on the spot and against time is another matter. And whether in attack or defence it is an excellent exercise—after having made one's dispositions for wiping the enemy off the earth—to go over the ground and view these dispositions from the point of view of the enemy. The result was often illuminating.

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As we moved from one "covert" to another various little problems were put up and it was highly diverting to see how easily one could "kick a brick." The writer, among others, kicked a very hefty one. It was very noticeable, however, that one who is often apparently somnolent was very wide awake and quick off the mark.

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En passant the draught beer (in tankards) at the "George" was of first rate quality, and like the enemy was well put down, and often.

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Of course these exercises have their social as well as their serious side and they are invaluable in helping us in getting to know one another better. Various engineering (?) problems in "bridge" and "pontoon" were propounded till a late (or early) hour.

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The second Staff ride took place at Ripon and was a "Brigade Group Exercise." This gave many an idea of the tremendous job it is to move large bodies of troops over difficult country without losing touch. We also had an opportunity of seeing the proposed camp site and also the training areas. It looks as if we are going to be like Napoleon of old—"we'll march our men right up the hill and march them down again."

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The third "Tactical Exercise" was again held at Chollerford and was the corollans of the first, being now a defensive action. And while it appeared somewhat easy to move small bodies of troops during a supposed attack, it was a very different matter being tied down to an exact area and having to quickly prepare maps and sketches of dispositions. The only thing that was most effectually disposed of was the aforementioned "D.B." at the "George." On this second visit we had with us Major Graham, of the R.F.A., and Capt. R. Errington, of the R.A.M.C., whose aid we greatly appreciated. We certainly "appreciated" the doctor at "Bridge."

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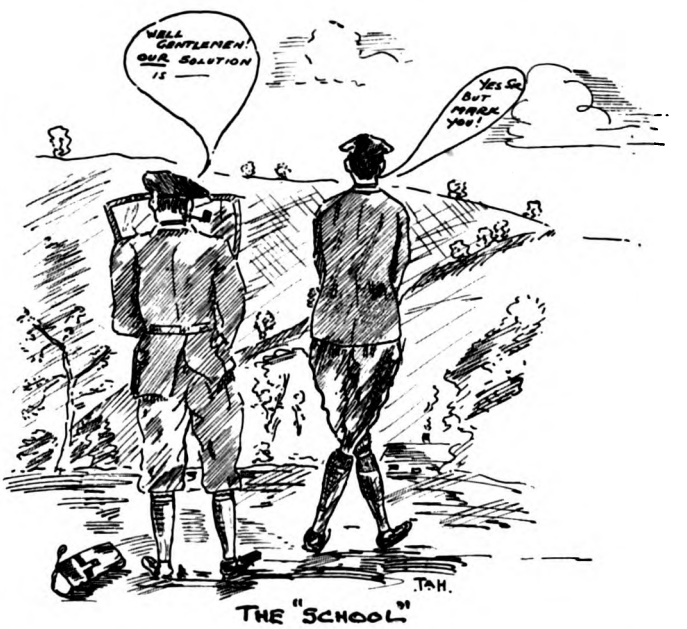
Our congratulations to Capt. C. Fairweather on his appointment as P.M.C. We also extend to him our help and have



THE "SCHOOL."

seriously (?) promised never to grouse. We feel sure that there will be no occasion to.

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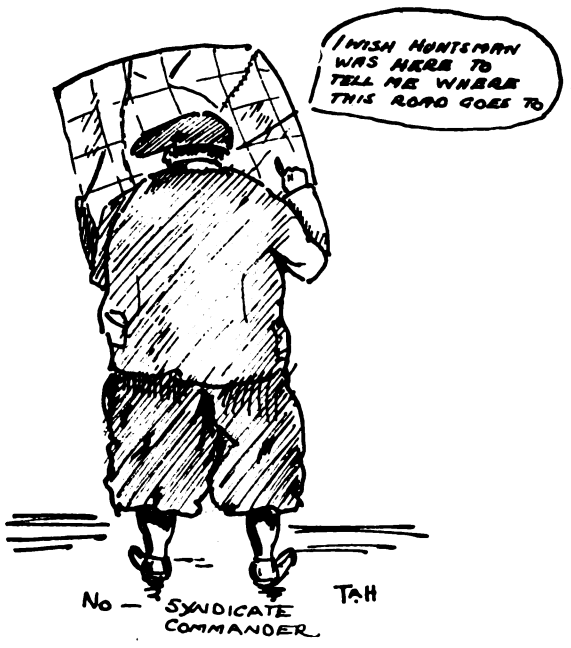
SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

March, 1924.

Training has commenced and once more the Drill Hall has



assumed a business-like appearance at night time. All parades are being well attended.

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Sgt. Pringle has returned after a month's Course of Signalling at Gibraltar Barracks, Leeds. His glowing accounts of it show that Signalling Courses are not exactly the worst Courses of Instruction, it may be our luck to attend.

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Murmurings have been heard from obscure corners. "Why can the 'Umpteenth,' 'The Xth,' and several other Divisions go to seaside Camps year after year while we are relegated to such places as Catterick and Ripon?" This is in spite of our jubilation when we first heard of Ripon! It is believed that these murmurings are the sequel to the reading of Northern Command Orders, No. 148!!

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C.Q.M.S. Taylor is leaving us at the end of the month to take up a position in India. By his departure the Battalion loses one of its most capable N.C.O.'s. We are sorry to lose him, but wish him all happiness and prosperity in the East.

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What about the latest order *re* "smartening" the Army.? What a boon the narrow belts will be to the "Saturday afternoon soldiers." The foremen in the shipyards won't be able to see their men for collar badges and high collars!!

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

25th March, 1924.

During the month the activities noted in February have been maintained. Efficiency drills are being well attended at the various Drill Halls and it is pleasing to record that at Ashington, Amble, and Berwick the flow of recruits has been steady, and, better still, the youngsters now joining are of a most promising stamp and of good physique. We are now on the 600 mark as regards strength.

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With lectures and staff tours in addition everyone has been extremely busy. We have had our first regimental tour since the war, and it is hoped that it will become, as in those days, a recognized part of the year's activities. No one can fail to benefit from attendance at a tour in which such excellent spade work had been done in advance by the directing staff as was so very apparent at Alnwick.

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That excellent institution, the 149th Brigade Staff tour, was as usual successful and enjoyable. We were represented by Lieut.-Colonel Wright, Major Smail, Capts. Cowen and Watson, Lieuts. Dargie and Adlard, and the Adjutant, Major Chenevix-Trench. The climatic conditions at Ripon could hardly have been better.

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On the other hand the weather for our Regimental Tour on Sunday, 23rd instant, could hardly have been worse. Outdoor work was out of the question, and the map and sand table enabled the various problems to be dealt with, and, with plenty of variety, interest never flagged though we started at 9 a.m. and did not finish till 5.30, with very short "breaks."

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On assembling on Saturday evening, we had a very interesting lecture on Air, Wireless, and Cable Communications of the Empire by Major Salt, A.E.C., Northern Command. At the close on Sunday evening the C.O., who the week before was at the Artillery School at Larkhill, gave us the very latest on that subject in his usual able style.

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The Commanding Officer and Adjutant were directors for the tour and Major Smail, Capts. Cowen, Watson, Appleby and Mackay were in charge of syndicates. Other officers attending were Lieuts. Dargie, Ledgerwood, Grey and Potts, and Qr.-Mr. and Lieut. Adlard.

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W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s in attendance were:—Morpeth Company, C.S.M. Purves and Sgt. J. T. Stevenson; Ashington, C.S.M. Richell, C.Q.M.S. Adamson, Sgts. Redford and McFadden; Amble, C.S.M. Wardrope and Sgt. Hedley; Berwick, C.S.M. Payne, Sgts. Weatherley, Smith, O'Connor, Egan, and Thompson (M.G. Platoon); Alnwick, Sgt. Taylor, H.Q.W.

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Congratulations to Capts. Mackay and McCreath on attaining that rank.

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Capt. Cowen assumed the command of "A" (Morpeth) Company during the month, *vice* Major Jobling, who had to resign owing to ill-health.

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On the 28th of last month a shooting match took place on the Miniature Range at Berwick between the Sergeants, Depôt K.O.S. Borderers, British Legion, Hon. Members Depôt Sergeants' Mess, and the Berwick Detachment, when the Regular Army won.

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Sergt.-Instr. W. C. Loder has been granted a year's extension

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on the P.S., so that he is due to be with us till at least August, 1925.

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The only St. George's Day celebrations announced so far, are dances at Berwick and Amble on 24th and 25th April.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st March, 1924.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, and 1921.

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With these notes we publish a photograph of the late Bt.-Major E. S. Swaine, of whose life an account appeared in last

BT.-MAJ. E. S. SWAINE, M.C.

month's *Gazette*. Major Swaine was buried at Fyzabad with military honours on 31st January.

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Many readers of the *Gazette* will learn with regret of the death of Colonel E. Christopher, D.S.O., who commanded a Service Battalion during the War. Colonel Christopher was killed in a motor accident at Coomassie, West Africa, on 14th February. He was buried at Accra with military honours, the escort and firing party being both commanded by 5th Fusiliers in the persons of Capt. C. E. Hamilton and Lieut. F. C. Prickett, O.B.E.

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We have received the first number of a new Service Journal, entitled " The Fighting Forces," edited by Colonel F. E. Whitton, C.M.G., and published by Messrs. Gale and Polden. This journal is published quarterly, and as it informs us it is a magazine devoted to the professional, sporting and social interests of those connected with the three services. A perusal of it leaves us convinced that it has carried out its professed intention with a commendable thoroughness. Each of the three services is specially catered for in certain articles, while all the fighting services are considered in the general articles, which range from one on the European situation, through hunting, rugger, coaching (the four-in-hand kind *not* the crammer), articles on Chess, Auction Bridge, and current service literature. Some articles we liked, some frankly bored us, but this is to be expected in a magazine designed to please somewhat Catholic tastes. All were well written and in these days of bad composition that is saying a good deal. We were particularly struck by the articles on how to buy or build or lease a house on retirement. This is a new departure in a journal of this kind, and one greatly to be commended. The cost of " The Fighting Forces " is 5s. per quarter (5s. 6d. post free), or 20s. a year.

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We beg to announce that the Bound Volumes for 1923 are now ready for issue at the price of 10s. each.

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Subscriptions due in April :—

Lady Bertha Dawkins
Colonel A. J. Foster, C.B.
Mrs. L. Gibson
Mrs. H. Kilgour
M. Mort, Esq.
Major D. Myles
P.M.C., 2nd Batt.
Major K. G. Williams
Captain W. Watson
Captain E. H. Watson

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mrs. Adamson (2ndBatt.)
Mrs. A. Armstrong (2nd Batt.)
Lieut. J. I. Atkinson
Miss Blakeway (2nd Batt.)
Mr. N. Borisown
Pte. L. H. Ferrett
Mrs. Gibson (2nd Batt.)
2nd-Lieut. W. Harvey
Mrs. N. Henrose
Mrs. Holland (2nd Batt.)
Miss F. H. Johnston
Mr. P. Lancell (2nd Batt.)
Miss M. Latimer (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. McCulloch (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. S. Ouzman (2nd Batt.)
Col. Pedley
Mrs. J. Stephenson (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. Walden (2nd Batt.)
Nurse Wasse (2nd Batt.)
Miss M. Weatheson (2nd Batt.)

War Office,
21st March, 1924.

SOLDIER FAMILIES FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The Government of the Commonwealth of Australia have offered facilities for a group of 20 families of soldiers who are due for discharge from the Army before the end of the present year to sail next autumn for settlement on the land in Western Australia. Soldiers whose applications for these facilities are approved will, if otherwise qualified, be given a course of Vocational training at Catterick.

Single soldiers without capital who wish to settle on the land overseas are also offered training at Catterick ; and, if approved by the Commandant and the Dominion Authorities, they will be guaranteed employment at suitable wages with selected farmers either in Canada or Australia.

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Letter to the Editor.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
31st March, 1924.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st January and 31st March, 1924, as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Colonel D. Sapte	2	2	0
Colonel J. A. C. Somerville, C.M.G., C.B.E.	1	1	0
P.R.I., 2nd 5th Fusiliers	20	18	0
Hon. F. W. Lambton	1	0	0
Major H. H. Prideaux	1	1	0
Capt. M. L. Sant	1	1	0
Major G. M. Harding	1	1	0
Major H. M. Heyder, M.C.	1	1	0
Mrs. Carden	1	1	0
Colonel M. W. Biddulph	5	0	0
Colonel E. M. Moulton Barrett, D.S.O.	2	2	0
Brig.-General F. C. Carter, C.B.	1	1	0
Brig.-General F. L. Festing, C.B., C.M.G.	1	0	0
Colonel Hon. N. C. Gathorne Hardy, D.S.O.	1	1	0
Mrs. Harkness	1	1	0
Colonel E. S. Heard	2	2	0
Brig.-General C. H. L. James, C.B., C.M.G.	2	2	0
Brig.-General Hon. C. Lambton, D.S.O.	5	5	0
Colonel Hon. M. O'Brien, M.V.O., D.S.O.	2	0	0
Colonel G. A. Pagan	1	1	0
Major F. W. Saunders	1	1	0
Brig.-General W. H. Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O.	2	2	0
Colonel F. C. Turner, C.M.G.	1	1	0
Colonel A. E. Whitaker, C.B.E.	5	0	0
Capt. J. H. L. White	1	1	0
Colonel W. C. Wright	1	0	0
Miss A. Booth	2	2	0
Colonel E. W. Dashwood, C.B.E.	2	2	0
Mrs. T. S. Bigge	1	0	0
Major G. R. S. Leverson, D.S.O.	10	0	0
Adjutant, 2nd 5th Fusiliers (confiscated from gamblers)	1	8	0
Capt. G. F. D. Waddilove	1	0	0
Colonel S. H. Enderby	2	2	0
Mrs. Hereward Brackenbury	Clothing		
M. E. Maling, Esq.	Clothing		

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lieut.-Colonel),
Secretary.

1ST BATTALION 5TH REGIMENT OF FUSILIERS.

LIST OF OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN AWARDED THE INDIA MUTINY MEDAL WITH CLASPS OR INDIA MUTINY MEDAL ONLY.

* Denotes Killed in Action or Died of Wounds. † Died from other Causes.

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	Rank.	Name.	Defence of Lucknow.	Relief of Lucknow.	Lucknow.
	Private	Bolger, E.	1	–	–
†	„	Bolton, J.	–	–	1
	„	Bonnett, W.	1	–	1
	„	Boswell, T.	1	–	1
	„	Bourke, T.	–	1	1
	„	Bouton, R.	–	–	–
	„	Bowler, T.	1	–	1
•	„	Bowen, T.	1	–	–
†	Private	Boylan, P.	1	–	1
	„	Brannan, M.	–	1	1
	„	Brant, J.	1	–	1
	„	Breheney, P.	–	–	1
	„	Breheney, P.	–	–	–
	„	Brennan, J.	–	1	–
	„	Brennan, M.	–	1	1
	„	Brickley, W.	–	–	1
	„	Bristol, T.	–	–	–
	„	Brighton, W.	–	1	1
	„	Brighty, C.	1	–	–
†	„	Brogan, J.	–	–	–
	„	Brown, D.	–	1	1
	„	Brown, J.	–	–	–
	„	Browning, G.	–	–	1
	„	Bryan, D.	–	–	–
†	„	Bryan, W.	–	1	1
	„	Bryant, T.	–	–	–
	„	Buchanon, W.	–	1	1
	„	Buck, W.	–	–	1
†	„	Buck, J.	1	–	1
	„	Bullard, J.	–	1	1
†	„	Budge, W.	1	–	1
	„	Bunker, W.	1	–	1
†	„	Burgis, J.	–	1	1
	„	Burke, J.	–	1	–
	„	Burke, J.	–	–	–
	„	Burke, J.	–	–	–
	„	Burke, M.	–	1	1
†	„	Burnham, J.	1	–	1
	„	Burns, W.	–	–	1
†	„	Burrell, A.	1	–	1
	„	Burrows, W.	–	–	–
	„	Butler, A.	1	–	1
	„	Byrne, J.	1	–	–
†	„	Byrne, J.	1	–	–
	„	Cahill, J.	1	–	1
	„	Callery, J.	1	–	1
	„	Cane, M.	1	–	1
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COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following appointment is made :—

Brig.-Major.—Major (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) W. Platt, D.S.O., Northumberland Fusiliers (dated 8th March).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. R. Edgeworth-Johnstone is restored to the establishment (dated 10th April).

MEMORANDA.

Major W. Platt, D.S.O., to be Bt. Lieut.-Colonel (dated 30th January).

Lieut. D. E. Ward, M.C., late Service Batt., relinquishes the rank of Lieut. on re-enlistment in the ranks (dated 18th March).

MILITIA BATTALION.

The following relinquishes appointment of Adjutant :—

3rd Batt.—Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse, Northumberland Fusiliers.

TERRITORIAL BATTALION.

4th Batt —Lieut.-Colonel B. Cruddas, D.S.O., Reserve of Officers, to be Major (dated 16th February).

5th Batt.—Lieut. J. Smith resigns his commission and is granted rank of Capt. (dated 23rd April).

6th Batt.—Lieut.-Colonel E. Temperley, D.S.O., T.D., is retired on completion of tenure of command and retains rank of Lieut.-Colonel with permission to wear the prescribed uniform (dated 29th March) ; Major A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., to be Lieut.-Colonel (dated 29th March).

6th Batt.— Sec. Lieut. R. H. Hobbs to be Lieut. (dated 15th December).

The following to be Second Lieut. :—

6th Batt.—H. J. M. L. Criddle (late Cdt. Sergt., Uppingham School Contgt., Jun. Div. O.T.C.) (dated 4th April).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,
April, 1924.

SCENE :

Heaven—The palatial offices of the Clerk of the Weather.

The Clerk is seated at his desk working at the weather forecast over North-East Europe during the week ending 26th April, 1924. He is a crabbed and bitter old gentleman, suffering seriously from rheumatism as a result of exposure, slightly deaf and mighty "livery." He is having considerable difficulty with an anti-cyclone which has got out of place, and he is in consequence highly irritable. To Him enters St. George.

Clerk of the Weather : "Well !"

St. George : "Good morning—my annual visit you know—getting on for 23rd April. Hope you can oblige me as usual you know. Decent weather and all that."

Clerk of the Weather : "Look here ! I'm about fed up with all you saints butting in and interfering with my arrangements. How the Devil do you imagine I'm going to get my programme out with saints popping in and out of my office every minute of the day ? I've had the Devil of a time with the Archangel over the Easter holidays its too damn thick," etc., etc.

St. George : "Well, I'm very sorry. I really must insist that Wembley and Cologne are given a fine interval. Its all very well but you seem to take a delight in scaring everybody stiff before my ceremonies. After all, I'm about the only saint who has outdoor ceremonies. Who cares a hang if its raining on St. Patrick's or St. Andrew's Day ? Its bound to be wet in any case."

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Clerk of the Weather: "Very well, I'll see what I can do, but no guarantees you understand. No promises whatever. The summer raining programme can't be held up for every tribal orgy—now I'm busy my good saint. Shut the door will you please. These spring zeyphrs you know. Good morning——"

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As a matter of fact the Clerk of the Weather was as good as his word. He began St. George's Day with some rain, but by 11 a.m. the glass was rising and the troop took place under the most attractive weather conditions. The Barometer began to fall again immediately after the parade.

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In spite of the difficulties of conducting a proper rehearsal owing to the wide distribution of our manpower, the troop was carried out with praiseworthy steadiness and precision and a great many nice things were said by the spectators.

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The salute at the march past in Column was taken by Colonel Sturges and the general salute after the advance in review order by General Sir Alexander Godley, the Commander-in-Chief. After the salute, the line was ordered to stand-at-ease, the Commander-in-Chief presented medals for long service and good conduct to the following warrant and non-commissioned officers:

C.S.M. J. Clark.
Sergt. P. Ryan.
Cpl. H. Hobbs.

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This completed, the Commander-in-Chief broke down all precedent by moving towards the Colours, and addressing the Battalion. He referred to the conduct of the parade in most flattering terms. Congratulated us on the presence of so distinguished a Fusilier as Colonel Sturges, and ended by saying how happy he was to be able to address "so old and gallant and distinguished a Regiment."

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The line was then formed into column and the Colours were lodged in form.

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The following officers were on parade:—

King's Colours: 2nd Lieut. W. P. Jones.
Regimental Colour: 2nd Lieut. M. N. E. MacMullen.
Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Hardman Jones.
Major E. L. D. Forster.
Capt. and Adjt. E. E. Dorman-Smith, M.C.
No. 1 Coy., Capt. C. G. Arkwright, M.C.
No. 2 Coy., Lieut. I. J. Kilgour.
No. 3 Coy., Lieut. C. F. C. Carr Ellison.
No. 4 Coy., 2nd Lieut. G. H. Bolster.

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After the parade the Regiment entertained about 100 guests at luncheon among whom were the Commander-in-Chief, the Commissioner for Cologne, Colonel Maxwell Scott Commanding the 1st Rhine Brigade, Colonel Wallace Wright, V.C. and Mrs. Wallace Wright and Colonel and Mrs. Maclaughlin, the Commanding Officers of the Battalions of both Brigades, etc.

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Owing to the fact that we are stationed in so outlandish a spot it was not to be expected that we would have a large number of visitors from England. These were only three. Colonel Sturges, who was the senior old Fusilier present, Mr. C. Anderson, who served for two years in the South African war as a scripture reader with the 2nd Battalion and Mr. F. C. Prickett, who is on leave from West Africa.

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Mr. Trenam also made a most apposite appearance from the Regimental Depôt with a draft of 25 Fusiliers which arrived, roses and all, at Cologne station in the early hours of St. George's Day.

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The sad death of Mr. Anderson in the afternoon of St. George's Day came as a most tragic memento mori. Mr. Anderson was better known to an earlier generation of Fusiliers. He was with the 2nd Battalion throughout all the vicissitudes and dangers of two years of the South African war in the capacity of scripture reader. He also assisted to run the canteen for the men, and being of independent means, he was able to run his own ox-convoy. His enthusiasm for the Regiment had never waned, and he had come all the way from Glasgow to see the troop. After lunch on St. George's Day he appeared to be in the best of spirits. He left the mess with the intention of taking the tram to Bonn. Later he was found seated on the Rhine bank dead, apparently from heart failure. His body will be sent back to Glasgow. In addition to his regimental interests, Mr. Anderson took a keen and active interest in the Boy Scouts Movement. He was a splendid type of patriot, and, during his short time with the Battalion one was struck by his hardy cheery outlook on existence. All our sympathies are extended to his relatives.

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Telegrams were received from the following:—

General Sir P. Wilkinson	Colonel Moulton Barrett
Brigadier-General Yatman	,, Somerville
Brigadier-General and Mrs. Kennedy	,, Stewart
Group-Commander Bonham Carter	,, Whittaker
Colonel and Mrs. Girdwood	Major and Mrs. Stephen
,, and Mrs. Bryan Evans	Major Chenevix Trench
,, and Mrs. Gordon	,, Freeman
Colonel Ainslie	,, Platt
,, Armstrong	,, Ritson
,, Dashwood	,, St. John
,, Gibbes	,, Thornton
,, Hawkes	Captain Garnier
,, Herd	,, Fenwick
,, Leverson	,, Lawson
,, Little	,, Scanlan
,, Money	

The 85th Regiment, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th Battalions, Territorial Army.

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Everyone will sympathise with Capt. W. P. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., who was unable to be present at the parade. He was recently operated on for appendicitis. It is good to hear that he is now progressing favourably.

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Mr. T. E. Bland was also sick in hospital with tonsilitis but is now making an excellent recovery.

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The Adjutant returned from the section leader portion of the long qualifying course at Hythe in time for the parade. If questioned as to his activities at the school he gibbers something which sounds like "section stalks" and relapses into a morose silence. He also complains that walking up and down "the roughs" has put his calf up so much that he can't get field boots on. He is able, however, to render a satisfactory report as to Capt. and Mrs. Sutherland who appear to be very comfortable and happy.

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From all reports the Depôt appears to flourish in spite of the

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vast number and variety of officials who feel it their duty to inspect it at frequent intervals. It is rumoured that a mast is now erected at the guard-room with a storm cone hoisting attachment. On the arrival of an inspecting officer the cone is raised, bearing a number, any number from one to twenty. This means that that special programme of inspection will be carried out at once. Number one programme may begin :

11 a.m.	Glass of port in mess.
11.30 a.m.	Second glass of port.
11.35 a.m.	Inspects training cadre.
11.36 a.m.	Inspects cookhouse.
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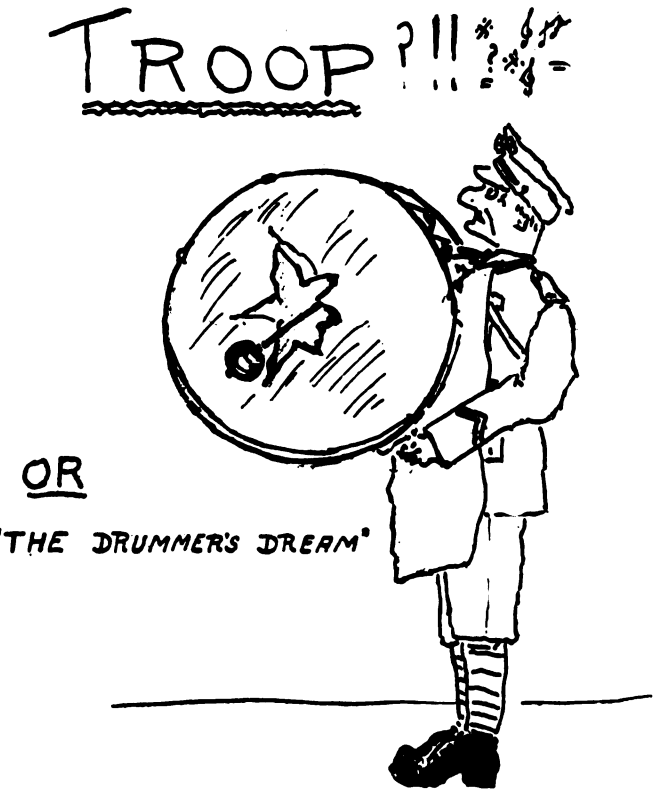

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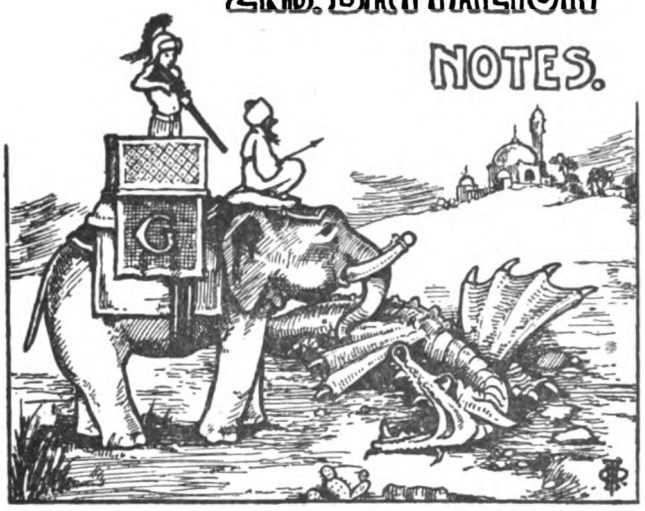
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



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The present month has been a crowded one, with the final throes of platoon and company hockey and football competitions, regimental sports, the regimental rifle meeting, and the regimental polo team away for the infantry tournament at Delhi.

THE INFANTRY POLO TOURNAMENT, DELHI 1924.

Our first venture in the Infantry Tournament since the war might well have brought us out the winners with a little better luck. But in fairness it must be added that others can make the same claim. There was nothing to choose between six of the eight teams that played, as will be gathered by the scores shown below.

Colonel Herbert and Colonel Sandilands were playing in the same places as they had occupied in the 1st Battalion team which represented the Regiment in the Infantry Tournament eleven years ago.

The standard of polo was high and the matches played by our team were fine open galloping games from start to finish. There were elements of bad luck in our game against the 60th Rifles. The chief of these was an error of a goal judge which gave our opponents a free hit from which they scored a goal. We were declared to have hit the ball behind our line when in fact it had not been within some yards of the line and had been cleared to our forwards who had a clear opening to the opponents goal when the umpires whistles pulled us up.

The following were the results in the several rounds :—

1st Round :—

2nd Fifth Fusiliers	beat	1st Royal Fusiliers	2—1
60th Rifles	,,	Somerset L.I.	3—2
2nd Durham L.I.	,,	2nd Devon Regt.	7—0
1st Rifle Brigade	,,	52nd L.I.	6—1

Semi-finals.

60th Rifles	beat	Fifth Fusiliers .. .. .. 4—3
Rifle Brigade	beat	Durham L.I. .. .. .. 4—3

(Durham L.I. led by 3—1 at the opening of the last chukker. Rifle Brigade equalised in the last minute of the game and won on extra time with widened goals.)

Finals. Rifle Brigade beat 60th Rifles.

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This was a very level game between two evenly matched sides, but the play was largely dominated by the opposing back divisions, and the forwards rarely got going well. The scores were level at one-all at the end of the third chukker, but the Northumberland Fusiliers got away, after having had a foul given against them in the last chukker after the halt had sounded, to win by 2 goals to 1. Clarke played a great game for the losers, but the winners were rather better together as a team, and the result was a very fair indication of the run of the play.

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3rd Chukker.—The 3rd chukker commenced with a good run by Fryer, but Grenville Grey soon relieved with a clean get away and equalised. The 60th then pressed hard, and after forcing a 60 yard shot scored after the shot itself had been well stopped. Even play in midfield was followed by a combined attack by the Northumberlands, but Lee Steere saved cleverly in the goal mouth, and put his side on the offensive again. The Northum-

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4th Chukker.—The 4th chukker opened with fast even exchanges. The 60th Rifles then pressed, but a fine run by Herbert and Ingledew took the ball back, though the shot went behind. Play became very exciting, and Barker made a good run, and eventually scored the winning goal, after a good backhander by Sandilands had been stopped by hitting a pony.

Final score :—

60th Rifles .. .. 5 goals.
2nd Northumberland Fusiliers .. .. .. 4 goals.

The Regimental Rifle meeting was held on March 13th, 14th and 15th, and may be considered to have been a great success.

The rifle scores were on the whole, poor, but the shooting in the Lewis Gun and Machine Gun Competitions was exceedingly good. A Company were rather handicapped by finding Battalion duties during these three days. Results were as follows :—

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FINAL RESULTS.

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Fus. Lacey	2nd	B	7	0
,, Cassidy		A	1	9
,, Goodwill	3rd	C	1	9
,, Chisolme		A	1	9
,, Moore		B	1	9
,, Townsend		C	1	9
,, Pearson		B	1	9
,, Allen		B	1	9

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Fus. Pounder	1st	B	10	0
Bdmns. Milburn	2nd	D	6	0
Fus. McKinnel		B	6	0
Dmr. Horner	3rd	HQ	3	0
Fus. Pearson		B	3	0
,, Collins	4th	HQ	1	8
L/Cpl. Maddison		B	1	8

3rd Day. 500 *Yards.* *Slow.*

Fus. Goodwill	1st	C	10	0
,, Hackman	2nd	D	7	0
,, Millburn	3rd	D	5	0
,, Eskdale	4th	C	2	0
,, Place		B	2	0
,, Pounder		B	2	0

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,, Sheperdson	2nd	B	4	0
,, Scott	3rd	B	1	8
Fus. Powell		B	1	8

2nd Day. 400 *Yards.* *Rapid.*

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Fus. Fawcett	1st	HQ	8	0
,, Eyre	2nd	HQ	1	6
,, Thompson		D	1	6
,, Laing		D	1	6
,, Leach		B	1	6
L/Cpl. Armstrong		HQ	1	6

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Fus. Dockerty	1st	B	8	0
,, Hutton	2nd	B	2	0
,, White		B	2	0
,, Elrod	3rd	B	0	8
,, Dunn		C	0	8
L/Cpl. Mcphie		D	0	8
Fus. Cooch		HQ	0	8
,, Bailey		HQ	0	8
,, Bird		A	0	8

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,, Elrod	2nd	B	6	0
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,, Kennedy		B	7	5
,, Johnson		D	7	5
L/Cpl. Green	2nd	C	3	0
Fus. Corbrick	3rd	D	1	8
,, Ashworth		C	1	8

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L/Cpl. Cross	1st	D	10	0
Fus. Santon	2nd	D	7	0
,, Jones	3rd	HQ	2	10
L/Cpl. Gee		B	2	10
Fus. Kelly		D	2	10
,, Lynch	4th	B	1	0
,, Everett		HQ	1	0
Cpl. Dolby		HQ	1	0

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1st Day. 300 *Yards. Rapid.*

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C.Q.M.S. Moon	2nd	A	1 10
C.S.M. Prophet		B	1 10
Sgt. Couse		C	1 10

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Sgt. Skelton	1st	HQ	10 0
C.Q.M.S. Scott	2nd	C	5 0

3rd Day. 500 *Yards. Slow.*

Sgt. Couse	1st	C	10 0
C.Q.M.S. Willson	2nd	B	5 0

Aggregate for 300, 400 *and* 500 *yards.*

Sgt. Couse	1st	C	20 0
C.S.M. Prophet	2nd	B	10 0

CLASS V.

1st Day. 300 *Yards Rapid*

Rank and Name	Place	Company
Major O. B. Foster, M.C.	1st	B
Capt. D. E. F. Waight, M.C.		B

2nd Day. 400 *Yards. Rapid.*

Capt. D. E. F. Waight, M.C.	1st	B
Major O. B. Foster, M.C.	2nd	B
Lieut. H. N. Hopper		B

3rd Day. 500 *Yards. Slow.*

Major O. B. Foster, M.C.	1st	B
Capt. D. E. F. Waight, M.C.	2nd	B
Capt. J. H. Hogshaw, M.C.		HQ

Aggregate 300, 400 *and* 500 *yards.*

Major O. B. Foster, M.C.	1st	B
Capt. D. E. F. Waight, M.C.	2nd	B

CLASS VI.

1st Day. 300 *Yards. Rapid.*

Rank and Name.	Place.	Prize.
Jemadar Pirthipal Singh	1st	3 0
Narsing Singh	2nd	2 0

2nd Day. 400 *Yards. Rapid.*

Narsing Singh	1st	3 0
Jemadar Pirthpal Singh	2nd	1 0
Ramgnaresh Singh		1 0

3rd Day. 500 *Yards. Slow.*

Havildar Ramdeo Singh	1st	3 0
Ramgnaresh Singh	2nd	2 0

Aggregate 300, 400 *and* 500 *yards.*

Narsing Singh	1st	5 0
Jemadar Pirthpal Singh	2nd	3 0

GRAND AGGREGATE (BATTALION CHAMPIONSHIP).

300, 400, 500 *Yards. All Classes.*

1st	Fus. Kennedy	B Company	Gold Centre Medal
2nd	,, Santon	B ,,	Silver Medal.
3rd	Major O. B. Foster, M.C.	C ,,	Silver Medal.
4th	Sgt. Couse	C ,,	Silver Medal.

RIFLE SECTION COMPETITION. 1ST DAY.

C Company	No. 7 Section	1st	Prize.	Rs. 35
HQ ,,	M.G. 2 Section	2nd	,,	14
C ,,	No. 2 Section		,,	14
D ,,	No. 11 ,,		,,	14
D ,,	No. 13 ,,		,,	14

LEWIS GUN SECTION COMPETITION. 2ND DAY.

C Company	No. 12 Section	1st	Prize.	Rs. 20
C ,,	No. 16 ,,	2nd	,,	12
B ,,	No. 16 ,,	3rd	,,	8

MACHINE GUN COMPETITION. 2ND DAY.

No. 1 Gun Team	1st	Prize	Rs. 20
No. 2 ,,	2nd	,,	12
No. 4 ,,	3rd	,,	8

INTER-PLATOON ("BUKSH ELAHI") COMPETITION. 3RD DAY.

A Company	No. 2 Platoon	1st	Score	135	Cup.
C ,,	No. 10 ,,	2nd	,,	126	
B ,,	No. 5 ,,	3rd	,,	57	
D ,,	No. 15 ,,		,,	153	(Disqualified owing to irregularity of a Section Commander).

POOL—BULL.

1st Day	300 yards	47 Bulls, each Bull gets Rs. 3.
2nd Day	400 yards	18 Bulls, each Bull gets Rs. 8.
3rd Day.	500 yards	49 Bulls, each Bull gets Rs. 2.

INTER-COMPANY CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st	B Company	115¾ Points	Cup.
2nd	C ,,	68¼ ,,	
3rd	D ,,	46¼ ,,	
4th	HQ ,,	44½ ,,	
5th	A ,,	8¼ ,,	

SPORTS.

LUCKNOW BRIGADE HOCKEY LEAGUE.

When this League was started, our regimental hockey side was non-existent. In consequence we have played both our matches with an untried side, who, all things considered, put up a very creditable show.

Our first match was against the 1st Bn. the Cheshire Regiment which was played at Fyzabad on Sunday, 24th. Result 1st Cheshire Regiment 2. 2nd 5th Fusiliers 1.

Our team played very well and showed considerable individual talent, but combination was rather weak at times. Our opponents were a well balanced side and have obviously played together a good deal, they thoroughly deserved to win.

Our team was as follows :—

Fus. Simpson (C Company).

Lce.-Cpl. Cross (D Coy.) Fus. Rogers (C Coy.)

Lt. Pringle, Lce.-Cpl. Appleyard (HQ) Fus. Anderson (B)

Fus. Allen, Lt. Cooper, Lce.-Cpl. Daley, Cpl. Geldart, Lce.-Cpl. Russell (all C Company)

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Our second match was against the 1st Bn. D.C.L.I., which was played at Fyzabad on March 5th. Lt. Cooper was unable to play, Fus. Mitchell (D Company) was brought in as outside right and Allen to inside right, otherwise our team was the same as in the previous match.

This proved a very interesting match as our opponents were a very similar team to our own, perhaps we were somewhat unlucky to draw as our team had rather more of the game.

Result 2nd 5th Fusiliers 1—1st D.C.L.I. 1.

We should have played the Lucknow Auxiliary Force on March 15th, but they were unable to send a team and had to scratch.

INTER-PLATOON HOCKEY KNOCK-OUT.

This was completed on March 16th, the semi-final and final rounds were as follows :—

Semi-Finals.

Drums 1—No. 2 Platoon nil.

16 Platoon 2—Band nil.

Final.

Drums 2. No. 16 Platoon nil.

The Drums thoroughly deserved their win, but had one or two narrow shaves, notably against No. 2 Platoon in their semi-final round.

LUCKNOW BRIGADE FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

We played another match in the above league on March 4th against the 1st Bn. D.C.L.I. Our team was the same as in the last match.

Result 2nd 5th Fusiliers 4. 1st D.C.L.I. 3.

The play was very scratchy and very open, although our team was obviously the better side. Lce.-Cpl. Palmer our right back, hurt his foot during the first half, after half-time it was decided to play him in goal, where he put up a good show and made several excellent saves. Lce-.Cpl. Easom in the meantime played right back, where he gave an exhilarating display of wild kicking, thereby causing much amusement to the many spectators

The Lucknow Auxiliary Force should have played us on March 9th but had to scratch this match also.

BATTALION CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

Took place at Fyzabad on March 8th. The conditions were the same as last year, i.e. each company to enter 20 men (any rank) all to finish.

The team placings were as follows :—

1st	C Company	548	points.
2nd	A ,,	695	,,
3rd	B ,,	1068	,,
4th	D ,,	1266	,,
5th	HQ ,,	1519	,,

The first men home were :—

(1) Fus. Veitch (C Coy.)
(2) Lce.-Cpl. Daley (C)
(3) Fus. Cassidy (A)
(4) Capt. Plummer (A)
(5) Fus. Clarke (A)
(6) Lce.-Cpl. Charlton (C)
(7) Fus. Rogers (C)
(8) Lce.-Cpl. White (C)
(9) Lce.-Cpl. Russell (C)
(10) Fus. Bullock (A)
(11) Bdmn. Anderson (A)
(12) Fus. Davis (A)
(13) Fus. Willingham (B)

We are sending 10 men to Lucknow to compete in the inter-brigade cross country on March 27th, nine of these will be selected from the 1st thirteen home in the Battalion run, the other place being filled by Corporal Wood (B Company).

REGIMENTAL SPORTS

Were held at Fyzabad on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 20th, 21st and 22nd.

The following were the results :—

100 *Yards.* (1) Lce.-Cpl. Wooll (A Coy.) (2) Fus. Burns (HQ Coy.), (3) Fus. Andrews (B Coy.). Time 10 3-5th secs.

440 *Yards.* (1) Capt. Plummer (A Coy.), (2) Bandsman Knox (HQ Coy.), (3) Fus. Hay (HQ Coy.), (4) Fus. Powell (A Coy.). Time 55 2-5th secs.

880 *Yards.* (1) Capt. Plummer, (2) Bandsman Knox, (3) Fus. Veitch (C Coy.), (4) Fus. Noel (A Coy.). Time 2 mins. 11 4-5th secs.

1 *Mile.* (1) Fus. Veitch, (2) Fus. Noel, (3) Cpl. Wood (B Coy.). Time 4 mins. 59 1-5th secs.

Putting the Weight. (1) Sgt. Keith (D Coy.), 32ft. 5in., (2) Fus. Whitelock (B Coy.), 31ft. 8in., (3) Cpl. Dickinson (A Coy.), 28ft. 5½in.

Long Jump. (1) Cpl. Dickinson 19ft. 5½in., (2) Fus. Kelly (C Coy.), 19ft. 1½in., (3) Sgt. Keith 18ft. 1½in.

High Jump. (1) Fus. Kelly 5ft. 2in., (2) Lieut. Hopper (B Coy.), 5ft. 1in., (3) Lieut. Tarleton (A Coy.) Fus. Burns (HQ Coy.) tied 5ft.

120 *Yards Hurdle Race.* (1) Fus. Burns, (2) Lce.-Cpl. Bell (HQ Coy.), (3) Fus. Bland (A Coy.). Time 19 secs.

Tug-of-War. Teams of 8, catch weight. C Company beat D Company, 2 pulls to nil. HQ Company beat A Company 2 pulls to nil. C Company beat B Company 2 pulls to nil.

In the final C Company, much the better team and well coached by C.S.M. Tyrrell, easily beat HQ Company by 2 pulls to nil.

Relay Races. Each company entered two teams A and B of 8 members, two separate races were run back of two miles, the distances being 220 yds., 220 yds., 440 yds., 880 yds., 880 yds., 440 yds., 220 yds., 220 yds.

The order of finishing was as follows :—

" A " Relay Race. (1) A Coy., (2) HQ Coy., (3) C Coy., (4) B Coy., (5) D Coy. Time, 8 mins. 5 secs.

" B " Relay Race. (1) A Coy., (2) C Coy., (3) HQ Coy., (4) D Coy. (5) B Coy. Time, 8 mins. 35 secs.

Company Championship. Points counted as follows. Team events (1st) 10 points, (2nd) 5 points. Individual events (1st) 3 points (2nd) 2 points, (3rd) 1 point. The final placing was as follows, (1st) A Coy. 36½, (2nd) C Coy. 24 points, (3rd) HQ Coy., 22½, (4th) B Coy, 6 points, (5th) D Coy., 4 points.

Individual Championship. For all the above individual events and the Battalion Cross Country Run the following points counted (1st) 3 points, (2nd) 2 points, (3rd) 1 point. The best individual athlete was Fus. Veitch (C Coy.) with 7 points, Fus. Burns (HQ Coy.) being winner up with 5½ points.

The following are the results of other events held which did not, however, count towards either championship.

Egg and Spoon Race. (1) Fus. Whitelock, (2) Bandsman Grief (A Coy.), (3) Fus. Smith (B) Coy.

Boot and Cigar Race. (1) Lce.-Cpl. Sell (A Coy.), (2) Dun Davis (HQ), (3) Fus. Smart (D Coy.)

Pillow Fighting (BORS.) (1) Fus. Whitelock (2) Fus. Bennett (C).

Pillow Fighting I.O.R. (1) Sepoy Mahdeo Singh, (2) Sepoy Jairam Singh.

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100 *Yards I.O.R.S.* (1) Hav Baghwan Singh, (2) Naite Amrit Singh, (3) N. Jagat Pal Singh.

Long Jump I.O.R.S. (1) Hav Baghwan Singh 14ft. 10in. (2) Naih Jagat Pal Singh 14ft. 9in., (3) Naih Amirt Singh 14ft. 7in.

Officers' Race. (1) Lieut. Hopper, 2 Capt. Waight, Lieut. Tarliton, dead heat.

Children's Races (under 8). (1) Frankie Hall, (2) Aubrey Steffen, (3) Nancy Mole (4) Annie Siddle.

Over 8. (1) Sonny Saunders, (2) Jimmy Saunders, (3) Alfie Saunders, (4) Pansy Maynard, (5) May Siddle, (6) Peggy Evans.

Sack Race. (1) Fus. Ashcroft (A), (2) Fus. Blakeman (B), (3) Fus. Murphy (B).

W.O.'s v. Sergeants' Race. (1) Sgt. Fitzgerald, (2) Sgt. Salt, (3) Sgt. Keith.

Throwing the Cricket Ball. (1) Fus. Whitelock, 92 yds. 1ft. 3in.; (2) Sgt. Salt, 84 yds. 1ft. 8in.,; (3) Fus. Smith (A Coy.), 84 yds. 2in.

Obstacle Race. (1) Fus. Leadbitter (HQ), (2) Sgt. Keith, (3) Fus. Murphy.

Old Soldiers' Race. (1) Sgt. Fitzgerald, (2) Drum Major Brace, (3) C.S.M. Brocklesby.

Half Mile (open to Garrison). (1) Fus. Hedley (C Coy.), (2) Bandsman Knox, (3) Bandsman Anderson (A Coy.). Time, 2 mins. 45 secs.

On the conclusion of the events on Saturday, March 22nd, Mrs. Ovans very kindly presented the prizes.

ANOTHER CROC. SHOOT.

Dear reader this is the last one for the year, so, don't get bored at the title but read on.

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We had been planning a few days trip for some considerable time, and eventually we took the plunge and made out our pass; that decided everything and one fine morning (clad in the most wonderful garments) ventured forth to do battle with the fearsome croc. Two of the aforesaid party were commiserating, one with the other regarding the great temptations that befall innocent members of the mess, when attending dances, and vowing that never again, no never, would they go to a dance the night prior to a shooting trip.

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We did the journey to the village of Pura in tongas, arriving just as day was breaking. An Indian dawn is one of the most impressive and glorious of sights and it is beyond my humble efforts to describe it, suffice to say that it conveys to the mind of the privileged some idea of re-incarnation and eternity.

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The villagers had informed us that 'Blue Bull' were in the vicinity, but although we saw a small herd we did not get within range, and, as we were rather hungry, we decided to push ahead for our boat where our breakfast awaited us, and I should say the goods for providing it. After a tramp across country of a mile, we met our shikari and one of the boatmen who promptly relieved us of our guns, etc. Breakfast was soon ready, and, after a jolly good tuck in we started off.

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We had decided on this trip to start from the "creek" and shoot down stream for a distance of six miles, pick a suitable place for camp, and thoroughly explore the banks, nullahs and creeks that abound. It wasn't long before our shikari spotted a croc. as in a hoarse whisper he pointed to what looked like a log of drift wood lying against the bank. S.J. looking through the glasses declared it to be a man-eater about eleven feet long and was apparently asleep. We got out of the boat and crawled to within one hundred yards of him when we had the mortification to hear a splash as he slithered into the water. Brock decided to be up for him coming out again while S.J. and M. pushed off in the boat after a gharial lying on a sand bank in the middle of the river. They decided to shoot from the boat and, as the current was in their favour, they got to within a hundred yards of it, then opened fire. Both shots hit him in the neck completely breaking his spine. On measurement he was fourteen feet exactly.

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The weather which had been ideal now turned exactly the opposite; we picked up Brock, who had had no luck and set off down stream; the wind had by this time risen to a gale and as the river is very wide (in some parts it is more than a mile across) we did not quite relish our position, which was at times rather precarious, however we picked on a sheltered little creek, in which we decided to camp.

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The usual village "busy body" visited the camp and informed us that any amount of huge mugger (burra whallahs) came on to the banks in the vicinity, and that with a certain amount of persuasion they had been known to give themselves up. He certainly had some authority for diffusing his knowledge as his right leg from knee to ankle was a mass of scars caused by a mugger; it is hardly conceivable how he did not lose his leg.

The camp at night, after a clean up and a wonderful dinner, is, I think, one of the most delightful features of the whole outing.

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THE "GHARIAL" OR FISH EATING CROCODILE.

It is then that, after a glass of toddy and over the pipe, all things assume that benevolent aspect, when one is at peace with the

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whole world. The adventures of the day are glossed over, one of the party always has some reminiscence, true or otherwise to

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THE "MUGGER," OR MAN EATING CROCODILE.

relate, until tired nature asserts herself, we knock the ashes from our pipe and turn in full of expectation for what the morrow will bring forth.

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We are awakened with the bearer's welcome salutation "Cher Sahib," breakfast is over and away we go consumed with doubt regarding the elements. We saw one mugger (they are apparently numerous at that particular part) and after a successful stalk we bagged him, he measured ten feet.

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Shortly afterwards on rounding a bend in the river, a sand bank came into view, on which was at least twelve mugger and gharial; selecting the largest of the mugger, we let the boat drift to within close range. We got to eighty yards before firing and at such close range it was impossible to miss. She was a beauty, about 12 feet two inches long. After skinning, the shikari opened up his stomach; it is always advisable as it has been known to get quite a decent collection of silver bracelets etc. that have been worn by bodies he has consumed during his career. We found some bones which the shikari declared to be human—rather gruesome.

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This was very promising, two man eaters before lunch, but it eventually proved to be our total for the day. The wind had freshened to a gale, and with the sand flying about made everything very unpleasant. The boatmen had a herculean task towing the boat back to the "creek," we had a pot shot at some geese feeding on the "flats" and by great good fortune bagged one; we were lucky in doing so as our dinner that night was going to be cold bully beef.

We started early next morning for our old shooting ground and, incidentally, close to Pura, where we had arranged to meet our tongas. We again got a gharial early in the morning, it was our only one that day and our last for the trip. In the afternoon, we had a most uncomfortable stalk. The shikari spotted a huge gharial (an estimate of his length would be quite twenty feet) about five hundred yards away. We thought it was as good as ours, but man proposes and brother croc. disposes. We crawled 200 yards over burning sand, the most agonising experience one could undergo especially as we were wearing shorts; we stuck it like the enthusiasts we were until about seventy yards from brother croc., who, up to now, had completely ignored us. We took up a glorious position, elbows rested, etc., took a splendid aim and—a humiliating miss ! !

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The afternoon was rapidly drawing to a close as we wended our way, tired but happy to the tongas, having in spite of the elements had a most amusing and enjoyable trip.

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
April, 1924.

Having put our clocks forward an hour on the advent of summer, the weather thought otherwise, and we have been subjected to snow and hailstones, still we live in hopes of better things in the future.

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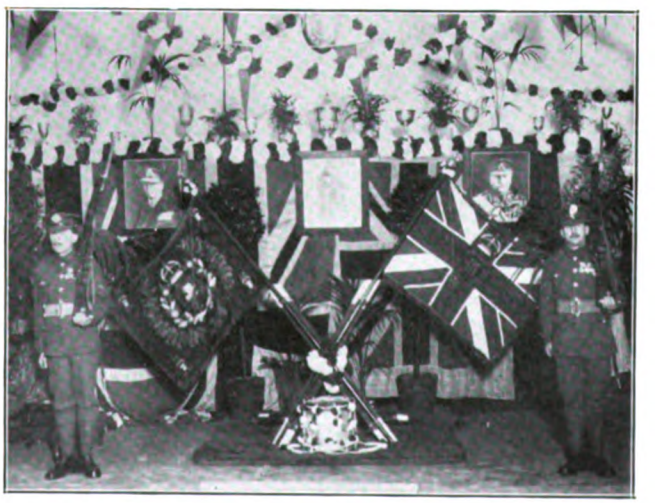
Captain Baxter and Lieut. Thomas have returned from a pleasant four days' at York, which they spent in trying to overcome the difficulties of their promotion exams, we have since learnt that a fertile brain is never confounded e.g. Razmak is a most suitable spot for aeroplanes to land on when journeying to the far East, we presume that the author of this statement



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was not referring to Razmak in Waziristan which is 9,000 feet high ?

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Lieut. Thomas having sat for his exam, returned to us for a few hours, and then left for the week-end in London, and he has since returned full of the beauties of the statues in the Metropolis.

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Our worthy Adjutant had been hoping to conduct the October Squad to the Rhine in time to participate in the revels of St. George's Day with the 1st Battalion. It looked as if he would be sadly disappointed, but the powers that be have decided that the draft must reach Cologne on the morning of the 23rd April, 1924, so he will not spend St. George's Day on the briny ocean, as is usually the case.

Major-General Dudgeon, C.B., inspected the training of the Depot on 2nd April and Major Curry the Weapon Training Officer at Headquarters Northern Command spent the day here on 10th April.

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On 14th and 15th April we held a Depôt Recruits' Boxing Competition, the results of which were :—

	Winner.	*Runner-up.*
Middleweights.	Fus. Peacock.	Fus. Helm (disqfd.)
Welterweights.	Fus. Madgin.	Fus. Langlands.
Lightweights.	Fus. Malone.	Fus. Medcalf.

The best losers prize was awarded to Fus. Burton who most thoroughly deserved it.

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CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

Having survived from the fearful anger of some of the members concerned in last month's notes, I once again take up my pen to make yet another endeavour to remark on some of the many little incidents, which have occurred in the Mess, and elsewhere.

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Quite a number of us took advantage of the five days' leave granted at Easter. One Corporal was seen leaving barracks with a portmanteau and "something" very attractive. We have heard quite a lot in connection with this.

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Cpl. George, Cpl. Forbes and the "one and only" Willow Burns were among those chosen to represent the 5/68th Regimental Depôt in the hockey encounter with North Durham. Cpl. George was also chosen to play right back for the 1st Division of the Tyneside Wednesday League in an Inter-Divisional Match. He has asked me to deny that he has been asked to sign forms for Newcastle United (ahem).

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The song "Thora" has become exceedingly popular in the Mess, anyone strolling past (after 9 p.m.) will hear a very "melodious voice" desecrating good air with hideous screeches. Really one cannot connect singing with "Gymnasium Work" can one?

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St. George's Day as usual was celebrated with great merriment and there were no "damp spirits" but—well—(nuff said). To-day is the 25th, and oh! that Kruschen feeling. ! ! !

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Our congratulations are extended to Lce.-Cpl. Ross, on qualifying at the Army School of Physical Training as a full "fledged" Gymnasium Instructor, we are sure he must have worked exceedingly hard for this. Our congratulations also to Lce.-Cpls. Appleton and Naylor on their appointment. We sincerely hope they will not develop the "Rhine Fever" on arriving in Deutchesland, and lose 'em.

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South Shields is still as popular as ever to a certain member, he can be seen every Saturday afternoon with his little bag under his arm, all smiles, and whispering softly, "Gee, I am glad she didn't find that letter."

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Tea time is here, and I am sure those kippers are getting cold, so before I am too late—until next month—"Au Revoir."

R.J.B.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,

22nd April, 1924.

A further grant having been received for training, a second series of Company Classes have been arranged and it is hoped that attendances will prove to be satisfactory.

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Week-end Camps for Company Training and Field Firing have been arranged to take place at Allendale as follows:—

W Coy. X Coy.	17th and 18th May.
Y Coy. Signallers	24th and 25th May.
Z Coy. M.G. Platoon	31st May and 1st June.

A Regimental Tactical Exercise for Officers, W.O.'s and selected N.C.O.'s will also take place at Allendale on 31st May and (or) 1st June.

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Individual and Platoon Training is proceeding satisfactorily at the various Drill Halls and all Detachments are now well under weigh with the firing of Table "T." A sharp look-out is being kept for extra good shots, who are likely to be up to the standard necessary for company rifle teams at Ponteland.

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St. George's Day will be celebrated by the various detachments in the usual manner and various dinners and smokers are being arranged. The officers have arranged to hold a dinner at the County Hotel, Newcastle, when it is hoped that all present and many past officers of the 4th Battalion will be able to turn up.

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By the time these notes appear in print our Brigadier, Colonel E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O., will have relinquished the command of the Northumberland Infantry Brigade, and on behalf of all ranks of the 4th Battalion, the writer wishes Colonel Riddell everything for the future that he wishes for himself. He leaves behind him a very high tradition for all of us to uphold.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

The last six weeks have been devoted to week-end firing at Ponteland and much increased activity as regards drill nights. The lighter evenings make a big difference and it is now possible to see the Instructor in charge of a squad.

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Mr. Gibson and a party of some twenty other ranks attended Church Parade at Walbottle Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday, 13th April, when a War Memorial Tablet was unveiled by the Brigade Commander, Colonel Riddell.

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C.S.M. Stuart has undertaken a job as Chief Chef to a family residing on the North East Coast. So far there have been no deaths to record.

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We learn from Ponteland that a new target has to be provided every week, as not a vestige of the bull is to be found after C.Q.M.S. Sparrow has expended his weekly ammunition allowance upon it.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

We cannot complain of having nothing to write about this month, but we do find it difficult to select the things worth recording, and those not so.

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About one-third of the Company has now completed the Annual Musketry Course, and up to the present, the results have been very gratifying. We hope this good shooting will continue.

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We are pleased to see Mr. John Clark once again back to the fold. We hope his two months in London have been profitably spent and that the result of his exams. will be to his liking.

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Our Spring Courses have "caught on" well, and a total of 20 N.C.O.'s and men are regularly attending.

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If the weather is as wretched the next time the writer appears

A QUESTIONABLE BOON WE ARE FORCED TO ADMIT
IS 'Q' THE QM WHO SUPPLIES US WITH KIT.
'TIS PLEASANT INDEED TO BE DECK'D IN NEW RAIMENT,
BUT OUR JOY DISAPPEARS WHEN WE FIND IT'S
"ON PAYMENT"!

on the Haydon Bridge Range as it has been up to date he will seriously consider adding an umbrella to his equipment.

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Before these notes appear we shall have attended the St. George's Day Dinner in Newcastle, the affects of which will be duly recorded.

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We shall also have held our Company St. George's Day Smoker, the affects of which upon many will not be.

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Our Prudhoe friends have threatened to attend the latter function and we are looking forward to a pleasant evening in their company.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

We sincerely hope that there will be more news forthcoming for next month's notes. Unfortunately at the present moment our time is fully occupied in keeping up-to-date with certain highly secret instructions and forms which arrive from Hexham with alarming frequency, issuing shoulder ornaments and trying to persuade our "army" that ammunition boots are really most becoming articles of footwear.

The forthcoming events of importance (more or less) are as follows :—

26th April.	Visit of Officers and Sergeants to Y Coy.
27th April.	Church Parade at Prudhoe Parish Church.
10th May.	Field Day with Newburn Detachment.
31st May.	Field Firing at Allendale.
	C.Q.M.S. Sparrow will lecture on the "Aperture Sight and how to use it."

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The Annual Musketry Course has pursued a more or less even course up-to-date. Apart from a few outbreaks of fire in the transport last Sunday all is quiet at High Wood. Anent the said fires, will O.C. Y Coy, and his committee issue instructions as to the proper procedure for an O.C. Coy. to adopt when he finds himself sitting on a sand bag of ammunition and "the bus burning nicely ?"

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Whilst on the subject of training in general and musketry in particular is it not possible for the County Association or other responsible body to draw up an Insurance Scheme for Territorial Officers (Company Commanders to receive double benefits)?

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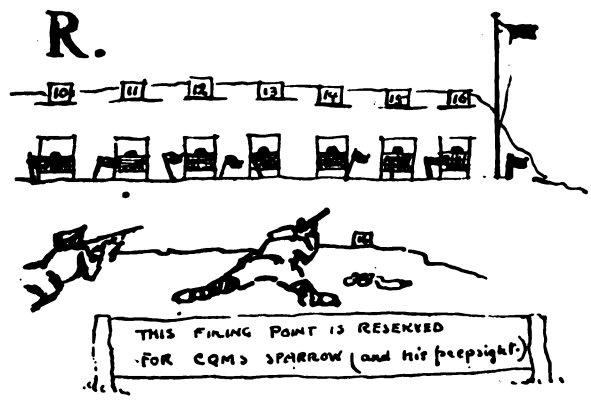
We hear a rumour that our worthy Adjutant is now in communication with the gentlemen who make the maps regarding Parish Boundaries. We are all in favour of having Parish Boundaries erected on the ground as well as being shown on the map.



'R' ARE THE RIFLES WE FIRE ON THE RANGE,
WE SIGHT THEM SO CAREFULLY AND YET IT IS STRANGE
HOW SELDOM WE AIM OFF FOR WIND WE DON'T FEEL AND
THAT IS BECAUSE IT'S N'ER STILL AT PONTELAND.

Strength Increase. 4263492 Fus. Maudlin, E. W.
4260134 Fus. Brown, J.
4263510 Fus. Appleby, S.
4263512 Fus. Smith, R.
Fus. Fenwick, E.

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6TH BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
April, 1924.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We must apologise for the non-appearance of our notes for the months of February and March. Such an omission was commented upon when the February issue reached us and it was surmised that our editor had not been able to get them off in time, so we eagerly looked forward to the March issue. Still nothing forthcoming from our quarter. Everyone was quite concerned, many wondered if the changes in our Orderly Room Staff were the cause of such a grave error. Enquiries were immediately instituted, and the O.R. Staff for once in a while, were exonerated from all blame when it became known that our editor had relinquished his post and a successor had not yet been appointed.

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Well much has happened during this long silence.

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Acting on the suggestion of our treasurer C.Q.M.S. Goodall (who makes the interests of the Mess and the comforts of its members his sole hobby), the management committee have had the lighting re-arranged, pictures renovated and numerous little items seen to, all to the improvement of the Mess in general.

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On Thursday night, 28th February, we were favoured with a visit from General Sir Charles Harington, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O. He was dining with our officers and expressed a wish to visit our mess. He came amongst us and immediately put us all at our ease by his sociable manner, and was well pleased with all he saw.

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Sunday, 2nd March, found 19 of our serving members partaking in what was termed a "Staff Ride" to Hexham. The morning itself was against such a scheme for snow was lying thick when we reported at the Drill Hall at 9 a.m. The journey to Hexham was made by motor 'bus and a forced stop outside Horsley, while the motor had its "innerds" attended to was taken full advantage of by the indulgence in a "snowball" fight. On arrival in Hexham we were met by the officers of our Battalion and had a technical scheme explained to us, the usual Red and Blue Forces "stunts." After a lengthy discussion on the scheme we motored back to the "Hydro" at Hexham, where lunch was provided. Being a temperance hotel, our lot would have been a hard one, had not the foresightedness of our caterer come to the rescue, by placing two cases of "Baby Stout" aboard our "car."

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The afternoon found us back again in the manœuvring area, this time on an outpost scheme, both schemes were instructive and created healthy discussions. Tea at the Hydro and return by motor to Newcastle proved uneventful, except that the bus lighting failed just outside a small hotel in Horsley, necessitating a stop of about 10 minutes. We arrived at our Headquarters about 8.45 p.m. after a very instructive and enjoyable outing.

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Shooting.

The shoot for the Sergeants' Challenge Shield took place on Tuesday, 1st April, on the miniature range.

The conditions were 5 shots grouping practice, and 5 shots application. Teams of 4 from each company competed.

The result was as follows :—

C Coy. 156, A Coy. 130, H.Q. Wing 114, D Coy. 98, B Coy. 70.

The winning teams scores were as follows :—

	Grouping.	Application.	Total.
C.Q.M.S. Goodall	25	20	45
Sgt. R. Richardson ..	20	19	39
,, G. Weddle	20	19	39
,, W. Bulmer	20	13	33
	85	71	156

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Billiards.

Our Xmas handicap did not finish until 25th February. There were 28 entries and Sgt. W. Bulmer of C Coy. again carried off the honours, beating Pioneer Sgt. Wilson by 18 points. This was a splendid performance considering that Sgt. Bulmer was 55 behind "scratch."

The other semi-finalists were C.S.M. Robinson and Ex C.M. Sgt. Sutherland.

The R.E.'s paid us a visit on 22nd March and the match was declared a draw.

On 29th March we visited the R.A.M.C. and lost our match with them to the tune of 111 points.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
24th April, 1924.

The outstanding event since our last notes has been the Regimental Tour at Alnwick from 22nd and 23rd March. Splendid arrangements had been made for the accommodation at the Star Hotel by the Adjutant (Major Chenevix-Trench) who had also done a lot of work in creating situations for solution. All that was required to make the event thoroughly successful was good weather but our luck was out on this occasion. Rain fell in torrents all day. Despite that we had a capital day solving solutions from the map, while the sand table also came in useful for the Director to illustrate a particular piece of ground from his knowledge of it.

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The attendance of 26 of all ranks was most gratifying and at the close the hope was expressed that funds would always be available in future so that this could become an annual event. As a scattered Battalion we meet each other all too seldom and it is also good for the Battalion in general that on syndicates we should meet officers and N.C.O.'s from other companies, it increases our respect of one another.

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Lieut.-Colonel Wright, D.S.O., was Director and the Adjutant Assistant Director. Officers in charge of syndicates were :—Major Smail, Capts. Cowen, M.C., Watson, Appleby and Mackay. Other officers present were :—Lieuts. Dargie, Ledgerwood, Grey, Potts, and Quartermaster and Lieut. Adlard, M.M.

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Among W.O.'s and Sergeants present were :—C.S.M.'s Purves, Payne, Richell and Wardroper, Sgts. Hedley, Taylor, Weatherley Smith, O'Connor, Stephenson, Egan and Thompson.

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St. George's Day is being celebrated on a bigger scale than last year. The Headquarters Detachment kicked off on Wednesday evening, Berwick followed on the 24th, and Amble on the 25th, all with dances. In addition church parades are being held on Sunday, April 27th.

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At Alnwick, the Dance Hall at the Northumberland Hall was charmingly decorated and a gay company of 150, all wearing roses, attended. A former member of the Battalion in Sgt. Dmr. Wilcox (" Brizlee ") was in charge of his renowned band, and the music left nothing to be desired. Lieut. T. Ledgerwood, R.S.M. Rowsell, M.S.M., Sgt.-Dmr. H. Adamson, and Lce.-Cpl. A. Brewis efficiently discharged the duties of M.C.'s.

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The capital arrangements made were carried out by a committee, which comprised Lieuts. Ledgerwood and Adlard, R.S.M. Rowsell, Sgt. Adamson, C.Q.M.S. J. Turnbull, L. C. Brewis, Fus. G. W. Pringle, and Sgt. T. Taylor, Hon. Secretary.

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A similar number of Fusiliers, ex-members, and their friends were present at Berwick Drill Hall on Thursday evening. To the strains of " British Grenadiers " the grand march was led off by Captain E. D. Mackay, the O.C. Company and Mrs. H. C. Payne, followed by Major A. Tower Robertson, V.D., D.L., and Miss Mackay. Thereafter everything went with a fine swing and the annual ball was voted a great success, and quite up to pre-war splendour. Every credit was due to the M.C.'s :—Capts. Mackay and McCreath, C.S.M. Payne and Sgt.-Instr. Loder. Every detail of organisation to make the event a thorough success had been considered by the committee and especial credit is due to them, and especially Sgt. Loder, for the decorating of the hall.

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Among the company present was Lieut.-Colonel W. B. Mackay, C.M.G., T.D., Major H. R. Smail, Captain B. C. Lake, D.S.O., Lieuts. J. B. Vans-Agnew, and D. V. Kennedy from the Depôt K.O.S. Borderers, Captain W. H. S. Staple, M.C., 4th Bn. K.O.S.B., Captain J. C. Collingwood, and Ald. Alex. Darling.

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We received greetings on the day from the 1st and 2nd Battalions, the Depôt, 4th, 5th, and 6th Battalions, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Ritson, C.M.G., Major G. McK. Jobling, T.D., and Major and Mrs. St. John. The members of the Sergeants' Mess also wish to acknowledge with thanks telegrams from the Depôt, 4th and 6th Battalions.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD.
30th April, 1924.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921.

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We have to thank the 2nd and 7th Battalions for so kindly remembering us on St. George's Day and for their good wishes expressed telegraphically. Our Scotch blood nearly curdled at the thought of the expense to which the 2nd Battalion went in making sure of our address. Will all who may desire in the future to communicate with us by cable please note that " St. John, Benson, England," will find us.

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Subscriptions due in May :—

Colonel J. Gillespie.
M. E. Harris.
Lieut. Holdsworth Hunt.
Warder Kennedy.
Old Comrades' Association (London Branch).

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mrs. Adamson (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. A. Armstrong (2nd Batt.)
Lieut. J. I. Atkinson
Miss Blakeway (2nd Batt.)
Mr. N. Borisown
Pte. L. H. Ferrett
Maj.-Gen. F. L. Festing, C.M.G.
Mrs. Gibson (2nd Batt.)
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Mrs. Holland (2nd Batt.)
Miss F. H. Johnston
Mr. P. Lancell (2nd Batt.)
Miss M. Latimer (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. McCulloch (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. S. Ouzman (2nd Batt.)
Col. Pedley
Mrs. J. Stephenson (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. Walden (2nd Batt.)
Nurse Wasse (2nd Batt.)
Miss M. Weatherson (2nd Batt.)

Letter to the Editor.

8, PONT STREET,
S.W.
16th April, 1924.

To the Editor of *St. George's Gazette.*

DEAR SIR,

The President of the the Ypres League has written to me as follows :—

" In furtherance of the aims of the Ypres League, we propose " to publish a book in the nature of a Book of Valour of Ypres.

" The aim is to perpetuate the tradition of the four years' " defence of the Salient as an ideal, and a source of inspiration " for all time.

" We wish this book to be a record of the noblest achievements " of the army in the defence of Ypres, and to this end we are " asking each regiment to contribute a short account of the feat " of arms of which they feel most proud.

" We have the promise of literary help from some of our " foremost writers, so that we can either print the record as " received, or have it re-written, if a Unit is shy of literary " expression.

" The events will be linked to the period to which they belong, " it may, therefore, be necessary to divide feats of Regiments " where more than one has been rendered. This is necessary to " ensure a historical whole. "

The following Battalions of the Regiment claim Ypres as one of their battle honours :—1st Bn., 2nd Bn., 4th Bn., 5th Bn., 6th Bn., 7th Bn., 8th Bn., 9th Bn., 10th Bn., 11th Bn., 12th Bn., 13th Bn., 14th Bn., 17th Bn., 18th Bn., 19th Bn., 26th Bn.

It is, therefore, evident that if a book is to be written giving a continuous history of the defence of the salient, it will be very incomplete if it does not include the doings of the FIFTH.

Major Booth, commanding the Depôt, has kindly consented to collect and forward to the Ypres League any battalion narratives relating to service in the salient which may be sent to him.

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Many of the war diaries are kept at the Depôt and can be consulted there. The remainder are in the Record Office, York, and can be seen on application.

The defence of the Salient is one of our proudest achievements in the history of the Empire, and I hope that all Battalions of the Regiment which assisted in the defence will help in making the record as complete as possible by sending in narratives of their doings.

Yours sincerely,
P. S. WILKINSON,
Colonel, 5th Fusiliers.

THE ARMY VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, HOUNSLOW HEATH.

BY THE COMMANDANT.

The Army Vocational Training Centre, Hounslow, is nearing its first birthday, and a few remarks on its activities may be of interest to your readers.

The Centre is housed in an old hut camp on Hounslow Heath, about 10 miles from London. The camp is far from ideal, as the huts were not designed for workshops, but conversion is taking place gradually. Proximity to London, however, is a very important factor, as the field of possible employment, there, is great.

Various Army Council Instructions and occasional notices in the public press have drawn attention to the different trades with which the Centre deals, so repetition is unnecessary. But a few general observations may be of assistance to W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men who intend to apply for a course of training.

Up to date 213 other ranks have passed through the Centre and of those 163 have been placed in good employment, immediately on leaving the Colours. These figures would have been even better if we had not had so many "difficult cases" to handle. The following are considered to be "difficult cases." "A," having applied to go through a course of Painting, asks, soon after his arrival, to go to Electric Wiring, and later on changes to Tailoring. In consequence he learns no trade and is lucky if, thanks to our Employment Bureau, he gets in to some such job as night watchman. "B," a young hefty man, with no claim on the trade, wishes to do Boot-repairing. Although this is an excellent trade for an elderly man who intends to set up on his own, or for one who is to join a relative, it is seldom possible to find others whole-time employment. "C," who has been absent or mildly insubordinate most of his service, tries Private Service. "D," with a wife and ten children to support, does the same. These latter are indeed difficult cases, as they are not acceptable to any master or mistress. Naturally everything that can be done is done for these men, but, as the number under training is small, every one of these cases prevents a more suitable subject for training from reaching the Centre. The ideal subject for training is the man who has proved himself to be a good soldier, and who is determined to take up a trade for which he is temperamently well fitted. Previous experience in a trade is, of course, a great help, and in certain trades such as smith or fitter, unless employment is guaranteed, it is essential.

In spite of poor trade conditions, willing hard-working men can generally be placed, as long as they are ready to start as an improver or the equivalent. This comes hard to many, particularly to senior W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s, but surely it is better to take a small wage with prospects of advancement, than to be out of work altogether.

The building trade is good at present and will remain so for some years to come. Motor engineering is so congested that it is foolish for anyone to try it unless they have promise of employment. Clerical work is ill-paid and overstocked. Private Service posts can be found fairly readily for suitable men. The man whose wife has been in domestic service and who has no family can always be placed. There is a demand for Groom-gardeners, Chauffeur-gardeners and Gardener-handymen. Tailors should have previous experience, but these can be taught cutting and work not always found in Regimental shops.

In conclusion the visit of Regimental Officers to the Centre will be welcomed, as will any enquiries which Officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s or men may care to make through the post.

NORTH COUNTRY YARNS.

EQUAL TO THE EMERGENCY.

The provost of a Scottish burgh, who may be called Brown, follows the lucrative occupation of a pawnbroker. Not long ago he was, in his capacity of chief magistrate, called upon to preside at the local police court. He disposed of a number of petty cases, and the last on the list was a charge of being drunk and disorderly, which was preferred against a respectably dressed young man. The prisoner pleaded guilty, and the justice, after a moment's consideration, said: "Then you will pay a fine of thirty shillings or go to gaol for seven days." "That's too much, your honour," remonstrated the prisoner; "make it less." But Brown was firm, remarking that if he didn't care to pay he could go to gaol. On hearing this, the prisoner pleaded that he hadn't so much money on him. Then, like a flash, came an inspiration. He took off his silver lever watch, and, turning to a companion who was in the court, he said: "Here, H——, just take this ticker down to old Brown's the pawnbroker's, and get thirty shillings on it." This was done, and the fine was paid, amid the uproarious laughter of the spectators.

THE NECESSARY HEAT.

In a Yorkshire village where a housing scheme is now in progress, some of the dwellings have been completed and are occupied; others still necessitate the daily attendance of the various workmen. To one of these workmen, a plumber, there came the other day a woman from a house that had been occupied the day before. "Will you come and look at my tap?" she asked, "I can't get any hot water!" The plumber went, but the moment he put foot inside the house exclaimed: "Why, Missis, you haven't got a fire." "Oh!" was the surprised rejoinder, "I didn't know I wanted a fire; the tap said 'hot water'."

At a show on Tyneside a lady visitor asked an exhibitor: "Mistor, are yor hens good laying bords?" "Aye, mistress," was the reply, "Aa hevvent knaan them lay a bad egg yit."

Bessie had an uncle a farmer near Acklington, and on the first evening of her visit he said: "Noo, hinney, Aa'll show ye hoe te milk a coo." "Oh, uncle," said Bessie, "I shall be afraid of a cow. Couldn't I learn on a calf?"

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1ST BATTALION
5TH REGIMENT OF FUSILIERS.

LIST OF OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN AWARDED THE INDIA MUTINY MEDAL WITH CLASPS OR INDIA MUTINY MEDAL ONLY.

• Denotes Killed in Action or Died of Wounds. † Died from other Causes.

(*Continued from page 60*).

	Rank.	Name.	Defence of Lucknow.	Relief of Lucknow.	Lucknow.
	Private	Greenland, W.	–	1	1
†	„	Greenwood, T.	–	–	–
	„	Griffin, R.	–	–	1
	„	Griffin, T.	–	–	–
	„	Griffin, W.	1	–	1
	„	Grimes, J.	1	–	1
	„	Grimsdell, W.	1	–	1
	„	Gueran, M.	1	–	–
	„	Guy, G.	–	–	1
•	„	Hagerty, M.	1	–	–
	„	Hales, J.	–	1	1
†	„	Hall, P.	1	–	1
	„	Halliday, W.	–	–	–
	„	Hamilton, J.	1	–	1
	„	Handley, E.	1	–	1
	„	Hannan, M.	–	–	1
	„	Hardy, R.	1	–	1
	„	Harrison, C.	–	–	1
	„	Hart, H.	–	1	1
	„	Harvey, J.	–	–	1
	„	Hawkins, J.	–	1	1
	„	Haydon, J.	–	–	–
	„	Hayes, J.	–	1	1
	„	Haynes, G.	–	–	–
†	„	Henry, D.	1	–	1
†	„	Hewitt, J.	–	1	1
	„	Healy, M.	1	–	1
•	„	Hearn, S.	1	–	–
	„	Heritage, G.	–	–	1
†	„	Heart, E.	–	–	1
	„	Hickmore, A.	–	1	1
	„	Higgins, J.	–	–	–
	„	Hilford, C.	–	1	1
	„	Hilford, G.	–	–	–
†	„	Hill, I.	–	1	–
	„	Hill, D.	1	–	–
•	„	Hill, T.	1	–	–
	„	Hillyer, H.	1	–	1
	„	Hilton, J.	1	–	1
	„	Hobbs, G.	–	1	1
	„	Hodson, J.	–	1	1
	„	Hogan, J.	1	–	1
	„	Hogan, S.	–	–	–
	„	Holihan, R.	–	–	1
	„	Hopkins, W.	–	–	–
	„	Hopper, S.	–	–	–
	„	Horrocks, J.	1	–	1
	„	Hough, H.	–	–	–
	„	Houghton, D.	1	–	1
	„	Howell, B.	–	1	1
•	„	Howman, C.	1	–	–
	„	Hubbard, H.	–	–	1
†	„	Hudson, E.	–	1	1
	„	Huffer, F.	1	–	1
	„	Hughes, C.	1	–	1
	„	Hughes, F.	–	–	–
	„	Hughes, T.	–	–	–
†	„	Humphrey, G.	–	1	1
†	„	Humphrey, W.	–	1	1
	„	Hunt, E.	–	–	1
†	„	Hunt, J.	–	–	1
	„	Hunt, M.	1	–	1
	„	Huston, J.	1	–	1
	„	Hutchinson, T.	–	1	1
	„	Hutchinson, W.	–	–	–
	„	Ilett, T.	–	–	1
	„	Jackson, S.	–	–	–
†	„	Jackson, W.	–	–	–
•	Private	Jackson, G.	1	–	–
	„	Jeffcutt, R.	–	–	–
	„	Jenkins, W.	1	–	1
	„	Johnson, J.	1	–	1
•	„	Johnson, J.	1	–	–
	„	Johnstone, T.	1	–	1
	„	Jones, J.	1	–	1
	„	Jones, T.	1	–	1
†	„	Jones, W. P.	–	–	–
	„	Joy, T.	–	–	1
†	„	Joyce, E.	–	–	–
	„	Jude, J.	–	–	1
	„	Kannady, P.	1	–	1
	„	Keans, F.	–	1	1
	„	Kedge, J.	–	–	1
•	„	Keenahan, P.	1	–	–
†	„	Kelly (1269), J.	1	–	1
•	„	Kelly, J.	1	–	–
	„	Kelly (2953), J.	–	1	1
†	„	Keily, J.	1	–	–
	„	Kelly, J.	–	1	1
•	„	Kelly, D.	1	–	–
	„	Kennedy, J.	1	–	1
	„	Kenny, P.	1	–	1
	„	Kenny, W.	–	–	–
	„	Kent, S.	1	–	1
	„	Kettle, J.	1	–	1
	„	Killackey, T.	1	–	1
†	„	Killeen, P.	1	–	1
	„	King, R.	1	–	1
	„	King, W.	1	–	1
	„	Kirk, J.	–	1	1
•	„	Knuck, F.	1	–	–
	„	Knox, H.	–	–	–
†	„	Knox, J.	–	1	1
	„	Lackington, G.	1	–	1
	„	Lally, S.	–	–	–
†	„	Lambert, S.	–	–	1
	„	Lane, H.	1	–	1
	„	Lanham, W.	–	1	1
	„	Larkin, R.	–	1	1
†	„	Latteway, W.	–	–	1
†	„	Lauricy, T.	–	–	1
†	„	Law, J.	–	–	–
	„	Lawless, P.	–	–	–
	„	Lawler, F.	–	–	–
†	„	Leahy, P.	–	1	1
	„	Legood, S.	–	–	1
•	„	Lennon, B.	1	–	–
	„	Levick, J.	–	–	–
•	„	Lewis, L.	–	–	–
	„	Leverick, J.	–	–	–
†	„	Lewis, T.	–	1	1
	„	Lighton, H.	–	–	–
†	„	Linane, P.	1	–	1
†	„	Lindsay, A.	1	–	1
†	„	Lingard, S.	–	1	1
	„	Lockett, A.	1	–	1
	„	Long, J.	–	–	–
	„	Lord, J.	–	1	1
	„	Loughan, T.	–	–	1
•	„	Loughlin, W.	1	–	–
	„	Loughnane, J.	–	–	1
	„	Lovatt, W. G.	–	–	1
	„	Love, M.	–	1	1
	„	Love (8), M.	–	–	–
†	„	Lowe, R.	1	–	1
	„	Luke, H.	–	–	–
	„	Lowe, J.	–	–	–
†	„	Lynch, T.	–	–	1
•	„	McAllister, P.	–	–	–
†	„	McArdee, J.	–	1	1
†	„	McAwley, J.	1	–	1
	„	McCann, J.	–	–	–
	„	McChelland, D.	1	–	1
	„	McCollum, A.	–	–	1
†	„	McComr, J.	–	1	1
	„	McCool, J.	–	–	–

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	Rank.	Name.	Defence of Lucknow.	Relief of Lucknow.	Lucknow.
	Private	McCormack, P.	–	1	1
	,,	McDermott, T.	–	–	1
	,,	McDonald, P.	–	–	–
†	,,	McDonald, T.	–	–	1
	,,	McDonough, P.	1	–	1
	,,	McEllistroom, T.	–	–	–
	,,	McDonough, P.	1	–	–
†	,,	McEvoy, D.	–	–	–
	,,	McGamley, P.	1	–	1
	,,	McGahern, T.	–	–	–
	,,	McGee, W.	–	–	1
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	,,	McGregor, W.	–	1	1
	,,	Matheson, W.	–	–	–
	,,	McGuire, T.	1	–	1
	,,	McGurk, J.	–	–	1
†	,,	McHale, J.	1	–	1
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	,,	McKevor, R.	–	1	1
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	,,	Matthews (1677), J.	–	1	1
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†	,,	Medland, G.	1	–	1
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•	,,	Morrison, R.	1	–	–
	,,	Morton, R.	1	–	1
	,,	Mullins, M.	–	–	1
	,,	Mullins, P.	–	–	–
	,,	Mullowney, M.	1	–	–
	,,	Mulrooney, M.	–	1	1
	,,	Muloney, M.	–	–	1

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†	Private	Murphy I.	1	–	–
	,,	Murphy (1932), J.	1	–	1
	,,	Murphy (2981), J.	–	1	1
	,,	Murray, H.	1	–	–
	,,	Murray, J.	1	–	–
		Murray, P.	–	1	1
	,,	McCarthy, D.	–	–	1
	,,	McGahern, P.	–	1	1
	,,	Neale, W.	–	1	1
	,,	Nee, A.	1	–	1
	,,	Nee, M.	–	1	1
†	,,	Neil, R.	–	–	–
	,,	Neville, P.	1	–	1
	,,	Newson, W.	1	–	1
	,,	Newstead, J.	1	–	–
	,,	Noller, T.	–	–	–
†	,,	O'Brien, I.	–	–	1
	,,	O'Brien, L.	1	–	1
†	,,	O'Brien, P.	1	–	–
	,,	O'Brien, P.	1	–	1
†	,,	O'Dormell, E.	–	–	–
	,,	Oliver, J.	–	–	1
•	,,	O'Meally, M.	1	–	–
	,,	O'Meally, P.	1	–	1
	,,	O'Rourke, B.	1	–	1
	,,	O'Rourke, D.	1	–	1
	,,	O'Rourke, P.	–	–	1
	,,	Ouzman, S.	–	–	–
	,,	Page, G.	–	–	1
	,,	Pailing, G.	–	–	1
†	,,	Parker, B.	–	1	1
	,,	Parsons, T.	–	–	–
	,,	Paxton, J.	–	–	1
	,,	Payne, W.	–	–	–
†	,,	Peach, W.	–	–	–
	,,	Pearman, G.	–	1	1
	,,	Pearson, C.	–	–	1
	,,	Peberdy, J.	1	–	1
	,,	Peck, J.	1	–	1
	,,	Pender, J.	–	–	–
†	,,	Pennick, T.	–	–	–
†	,,	Philbin, D.	–	–	–
	,,	Philbin, W.	–	–	–
•	,,	Piper, E. D.	–	–	–
	,,	Pitchford, J.	1	–	1
•	,,	Pleasants, E.	1	–	–
	,,	Plummer, J.	–	1	1
	,,	Popple, W.	1	–	–
	,,	Power, R.	–	–	–
	,,	Pratt, J.	–	1	1
†	,,	Precious, W.	1	–	1
	,,	Prest, J.	1	–	1
†	,,	Preston, R.	1	–	–
	,,	Price, W.	1	–	1
†	,,	Price, W.	–	1	1
	,,	Pritchard, D.	1	–	1
†	,,	Purcell, P.	1	–	1
†	,,	Quinn, J.	–	1	1
	,,	Rackham, A.	–	1	1
	,,	Randall, H.	1	–	1
	,,	Ranihan, J.	–	–	–
	,,	Rattray, J.	–	–	–
†	,,	Read, R.	1	–	1
†	,,	Reeve, W.	–	1	1
†	,,	Reeves, W.	–	–	–
	,,	Ryan, D.	–	–	1
	,,	Regan, J.	–	–	–
†	,,	Reilly, J.	–	–	1
	,,	Reilly (2353), P.	–	1	1
	,,	Reilly (3045), P.	–	–	1
	,,	Reilly, T.	1	–	1
	,,	Reynolds, J.	1	–	–
•	,,	Rice, J.	1	–	–
	,,	Richardson, J.	–	1	1
†	,,	Richards, T.	–	–	–
	,,	Roads, R.	1	–	1
•	,,	Riseborough, E.	–	1	–
	,,	Robinson, T.	–	–	1

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	Private	Rose, W. J.	–	1	1
	„	Routh, J.	1	–	–
	„	Rush, J.	1	–	1
	„	Russell, S.	1	–	1
†	„	Rutledge, G.	1	–	1
	„	Ryan, M.	–	1	1
	„	Ryan, T.	–	–	1
	„	Ryan (50), T.	–	–	–
	„	Sadd, P.	–	1	1
	„	Sadler, J.	–	–	–
	„	Scanlan, J.	1	–	1
†	„	Scanlon, P.	1	–	–
	„	Scarborough, C.	–	1	1
†	„	Scarf, P.	1	–	1
	„	Scollan, C.	1	–	1
	„	Shalden, J.	–	1	1
	„	Sharman, G.	–	1	1
	„	Sharpe, R.	–	–	1
	„	Shaw, M.	–	–	–
•	„	Shaw, C.	1	–	–
	„	Shea, D.	1	–	–
•	„	Shenstone, T.	1	–	–
	„	Sheady, J.	–	–	–
•	„	Sheady, M.	1	–	–
	„	Shipley, W.	–	–	1
	„	Sibley (2984), W.	1	–	1
	„	Sibley (1859), W.	–	1	1
	„	Simmons, H.	–	–	1
	„	Simpson, J.	–	–	1
	„	Sims, E.	–	–	–
	„	Skinner, R.	1	–	–
	„	Skipper, J.	–	–	–
	„	Skipper, M.	–	1	1
	„	Skoyles, T.	1	–	1
	„	Smith, A.	–	1	1
	„	Smith, D.	1	–	1
	„	Smith, E.	–	1	1
	„	Smith, G.	1	–	1
†	„	Smith, H.	–	–	–
†	„	Smith (2362), J.	–	1	1
	„	Smith (3321), J.	–	–	1
	„	Smith (3351), J.	–	–	–
	„	Smith, J.	1	–	–
	„	Smith, J.	–	–	1
	„	Smith, R.	–	–	1
	„	Smith, T.	–	–	1
	„	Smith (52), T.	–	–	–
	„	Smith (2529), W.	1	–	1
	„	Smith (2908), W.	1	–	1
	„	Sparks, J.	–	–	1
	„	Spencer, S.	–	–	–
†	„	Sperring, E.	–	–	–
	„	Spray, J.	–	–	–
	„	Staniforth, S.	–	1	1
	„	Stephenson, R.	–	1	1
	„	Stephens, H.	1	–	1
	„	Stoner, A.	–	1	1
	„	Struthers, J.	–	–	1
	„	Sullivan, D.	1	–	1
	„	Sullivan, J.	1	–	1
•	„	Sullivan, T.	–	1	–
	„	Sullivan, P.	–	1	1
	„	Sullivan, F.	–	–	–
	„	Syms, D.	1	–	1
	„	Swift, J.	–	–	–
	„	Talbert, W.	–	1	1
†	„	Taylor, C.	1	–	1
	„	Taylor, M.	–	1	1
†	„	Taylor, D.	–	1	1
•	„	Taylor, T.	1	–	–
	„	Thompson, P.	1	–	1
	„	Thompson, B.	1	–	1
•	„	Thompson, J.	1	–	–
	„	Thompson, W.	1	–	1
	„	Thurning, S.	1	–	1
†	„	Thurston, W.	–	–	–
	„	Tierney, T.	1	–	1
•	Private	Tomkins, J.	1	–	–
	„	Tonrum, J.	–	–	–
	„	Tilly, J.	–	–	–
	„	Torrent, J.	1	–	1
†	„	Townsend, G.	1	–	1
	„	Turner, J.	1	–	–
	„	Twigg, W.	1	–	1
	„	Tynan, P.	1	–	1
†	„	Vasey, W.	–	–	–
	„	Vickers, W.	–	1	1
	„	Vero, R.	–	1	1
†	„	Wadsworth, J.	–	–	–
	„	Walden, S.	1	–	1
	„	Walker, F.	–	1	1
	„	Walker, T.	1	–	1
	„	Wallace, B.	–	–	1
	„	Walsh, E.	1	–	1
	„	Walsh, T.	1	–	1
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	„	Walsh, W.	–	–	–
	„	Walter, J.	–	–	–
•	„	Wakefield, J.	1	–	–
	„	Wade, J.	–	–	–
†	„	Ward, G.	–	–	–
	„	Ward, J.	–	–	–
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	„	Warren, W.	–	–	1
•	„	Warren, N.	–	–	–
	„	Wass, J.	1	–	1
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	„	Watts, I.	–	–	1
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	„	Weatherly, J.	1	–	–
	„	Webb, W.	–	1	1
	„	Weeds, A.	1	–	1
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	„	Wells, T.	–	–	–
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†	„	Weyer, W.	1	–	1
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	„	Whealen, D.	–	–	–
•	„	Whelan, J.	1	–	–
	„	White, J.	1	–	–
	„	White, R.	1	–	–
	„	White, T.	–	–	–
	„	Whitehead, W.	1	–	1
†	„	Wiggins, J.	1	–	1
	„	Wild, G.	–	–	–
	„	Wilkinson, T.	1	–	–
	„	Wilkins, J.	–	–	–
†	„	Williams, C.	–	–	1
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	„	Williams, H.	1	–	1
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	„	Wilson, W.	–	1	1
•	„	Wines, B.	1	–	–
†	„	Witherdon, J.	–	–	–
†	„	Winter, C.	1	–	1
	„	Woodford, A.	–	1	1
	„	Woods, J.	–	–	–
	„	Woods, H.	–	–	–
	„	Woods (1899), J.	–	–	1
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	„	Woodward, F.	–	1	–
	„	Wright, J.	–	–	–
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	„	Russell, S.	1	–	1
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	„	Ryan, M.	–	1	1
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	„	Thurning, S.	1	–	1
†	„	Thurston, W.	–	–	–
	„	Tierney, T.	1	–	1
•	Private	Tomkins, J.	1	–	–
	„	Tonrum, J.	–	–	–
	„	Tilly, J.	–	–	–
	„	Torrent, J.	1	–	1
†	„	Townsend, G.	1	–	1
	„	Turner, J.	1	–	–
	„	Twigg, W.	1	–	1
	„	Tynan, P.	1	–	1
†	„	Vasey, W.	–	–	–
	„	Vickers, W.	–	1	1
	„	Vero, R.	–	1	1
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	„	Walker, F.	–	1	1
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	„	Walter, J.	–	–	–
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†	„	Ward, G.	–	–	–
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	„	Wass, J.	1	–	1
†	„	Watson, J.	1	–	1
†	„	Watson, W.	–	–	–
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	„	Watts, I.	–	–	1
	„	Wearing, J.	–	1	1
	„	Weatherly, J.	1	–	–
	„	Webb, W.	–	1	1
	„	Weeds, A.	1	–	1
•	„	Weldon, T.	–	1	–
	„	Wells, T.	–	–	–
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	„	West, W.	–	1	1
•	„	West, F.	1	–	–
†	„	Weyer, W.	1	–	1
	„	Whall, J.	–	1	–
	„	Whatnall, J.	1	–	1
	„	Whealon, D.	–	–	–
•	„	Whelan, J.	1	–	–
	„	White, J.	1	–	–
	„	White, R.	1	–	–
	„	White, T.	–	–	–
	„	Whitehead, W.	1	–	1
†	„	Wiggins, J.	1	–	1
	„	Wild, G.	–	–	–
	„	Wilkinson, T.	1	–	–
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MARRIAGES.

TINDALL—ANDERSON.—On 10th February, at Holy Trinity Church, Karachi, Cpl. W. Tindall, 2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, to May Anderson, of London.

SPRINGATE—SCHOOLAR.—On 10th February, at Holy Trinity Church, Karachi, Cpl. E. J. Springate, 2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, to Lucy Schoolar, of Nottingham.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following appointment is made at the War Office :—

Staff Capt.—Capt. A. P. Garnier, M.B.E., M.C., North'd. Fus., *vice* Capt. K. F. B. Tower, M.C., R. Fus. (dated 1st May).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

5th Batt.—Lieut. O. Young, M.C., resigns his commission and retains the rank of Lieut. (dated 3rd May).

5th Batt.—Lieut. R. A. Foster resigns his commission, and is granted the rank of Capt. (dated 7th May); 2nd Lieut. G. M. I. Stanley to be Lieut. (dated 3rd Oct., 1923); 2nd Lieut. N. K. Worters to be Lieut. (dated 13th Jan.).

5th Batt.—Lieut. T. A. Carlile to be Capt. (Prov.) (dated 9th Feb.).

The following to be 2nd-Lieut. :—

7th Batt. North'd. Fus.—G. H. Green (dated 8th May).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

5th Batt. North'd. Fus.—Lieut. J. Smith, from active list, to be Capt. (dated 23rd April) (substituted for the announcement regarding this officer which appeared in *Gazette*, 22nd April).

6th Batt. North'd. Fus.—Lieut. E. H. MacFadyen, from active list, to be Lieut. (dated 14th May).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

WAHN CAMP,
May, 1924.

A glance at our wan faces beneath the sunburn would at once indicate to intelligent readers our locality and occupation. We have been here now for two strenuous weeks, during which "B," "C," and "D" Areas have become more familiar to us than could have been believed possible. It has been hot, but not too hot, and if we have been busy, well, nobody seems to have suffered any ill effects. The Wahn training area is a thoroughly international and thrice-dimensional plot. It is the usual barren plain—all army training areas, no matter which the army, have something reminiscent of the beginning of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" scene, "a blasted heath," though probably the archaic expletive would now-a-days be replaced by something more adhesive and modern.

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Anyway, it was a German artillery range. It is now shared by ourselves and the French. It gets no rest whatsoever. From 5.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. the French aeroplanes manoeuvre over it, and one's earliest daily impression is the strident voice of the siren which proclaims to all and sundry that the area is shortly going to be dangerous, though who'd be on it at 5.30 a.m. I can't imagine.

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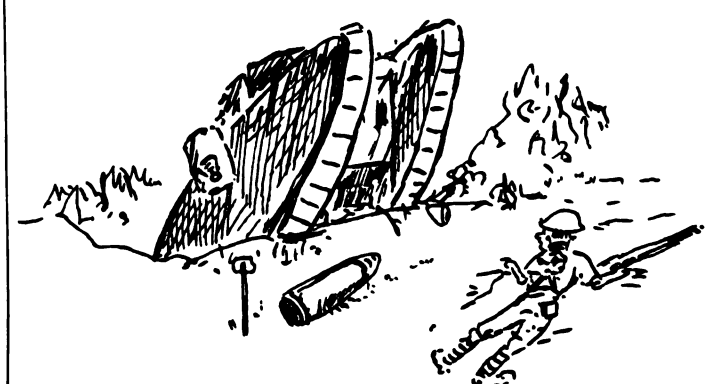
Precisely at 8.30 a.m. the French aeroplanes go away, and our Infantry columns and tanks rush on to its tortured surface. If we are not clear by 2.30 p.m. the French artillery are fully entitled to blow us off it, for they begin to shoot more or less punctually at that hour. That goes on until 9.30 p.m., at which



Night mare of a Section Commander who has been thoroughly impressed with the maxim that he may not vacate his position without a direct order to that effect from his Platoon Commander.

Note.—Unexploded shells are frequent on the area. Their presence is marked by a stick and a piece of paper.

hour it reverts to us for the purpose of night operations. Throughout the whole day, as far as one can discover, there is a permanent population of hardened natives who gather a rich harvest of shell splinters and duds. Its a busy place.

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We are becoming expert section leaders. The best of us are so expert that it is possible to dispense with the actual presence of the section. Its a stirring sight, and one to be pondered over, to see an enthusiastic Lance-Corporal, the leader and sole representative of an advanced section of his platoon, controlling his scouts (imaginary), giving actual fire orders to his section

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(imaginary), which will direct fire (imaginary) against a hostile post (imaginary), located (supposedly) somewhere on his line of advance (indefinite). In support (indirectly) of sections on his right (actual) and on his left (non-existent). As he works his solitary way forward he is trained to say "day by day, in every respect, I grow more and more imaginative." If he doesn't, he ought to. But, on the whole, everyone in the Battalion is enjoying this respite from Cologne and the work in the open air, with the possible exception of one company's charger.

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It is a curious fact, but early in the training season as it is, Companies are already developing definite characteristics. One Company has the most terrific flair for discovering unexploded shells in its area. Another burns its area out, and then says that it has passed a busy morning and afternoon practising "Fire control." A third discovers among the heated toilers on the lead crop the most beauteous maiden in the Rhineland.

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As a result of the competition for the year 1923–24, "X" Company has become Champion Company, and has taken its place on the right of the line. It is to be congratulated on its excellent effort. The marks for this competition are as follows:—

	"W"	"X"	"Y"	"Z"	"A" Group	"B" Group	Winners.
"A" Group.							
Rifle	40	30	50	0	20	10	"Y"
Lewis Gun	15	10	0	5	20	30	"B" grp.
Bombing	10	30	5	15	20	0	"X"
Drill	10	30	20	15	—	—	"X"
Bayonet	15	20	10	30	0	5	"Z"
Revolver	9	6	12	0	15	3	"A"
"B" Group.							
Football (1st League) ..	12	8	20	16	4	0	"Y"
Football (2nd League) ..	12	16	20	8	4	0	"Y"
Cricket	14	8	14	2	2	20	"B" grp.
Hockey	10	0	20	10	4	16	"Y"
Cross Country Run ..	8	20	12	16	4	0	"X"
Sports	12	16	8	20	4	0	"Z"
"C" Group.							
Swimming	6	10½	10½	15	0	3	"Z"
Boxing	9	9	9	15	0	3	"Z"
March and Shoot ..	9	15	3	12	0	6	"X"
Tug-of-War	0	0	0	10	0	15	"B" grp.

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Total No. of points = Order of merit :—

"X" Company	228½ points
"Y" Company	213½ ,,
"W" Company	191 ,,
"Z" Company	189 ,,
"B" Group, H.Q. Wing	111 ,,
"A" Group, H.Q. Wing	94 ,,

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It may interest readers to know that in the hutted camp we now occupy, which was during the war a prisoner-of-war camp, there are two other battalions besides ourselves—The West Yorkshire Regiment and the Cameron Highlanders. One or two of its present occupants have less pleasant recollections. There is a burnt-out stores hut in it which was once, in those days, the parcels distribution office. Now, in the latter days of the war our prisoners only survived because of their parcels: consequently any slackness of delivery was most keenly resented. This hut was the camp post office. There was great slackness in the issue of the parcels, so as a sign of resentment several bolder spirits burnt it out. Verily, the life of the Hun Commandant in any camp occupied by British officers was a hard one.

This month sees the departure of Capt. E. E. Dorman-Smith to another course at Hythe. He relinquishes his appointment as Adjutant on 12th June. Mr. Crawhall is to succeed.

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Mr. Forbes Watson has finally departed to the Depôt, and Mr. Seth Smith arrived in Cologne on the 24th May, 1924. He is temporarily acting as O.C. Details in barracks.

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Mr. Byrne has been selected for employment with the West African Frontier Force, and will shortly leave the Battalion.

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Mr. Beckwith goes to England next week to begin training. He is a possible representative of the Empire at the Olympic Games in Paris.

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It is regretted that by an oversight the receipt of telegrams on St. George's Day from Colonel Charles Wood and Colonel and Mrs. Cruddas was not acknowledged in last month's notes. It is hoped that they will accept our apologies.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

WAHN CAMP,
May, 1924.

As will be seen above, we have (since our last notes) moved into training quarters.

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A rather severe spell of very hot weather has made training somewhat difficult.

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In this respect, the old Indian "wallahs" of the Mess have been instrumental in giving the younger members "tips" on "How to keep cool when the sun is against one."

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This has been demonstrated, and the result was as follows:—
"Chutney Punchers" red hot and flustered after 10 miles.
"Home Workers"=still going, cool and strong, at same distance.

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The failure of the "C.P.'s" is attributed to them paying too much attention to "skin and phat."

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So much for that.

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The hut which we have for a Mess is, under the circumstances, very comfortable.

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A "Phat" Tournament was held on the 14th inst. In this competition it is interesting to note the result: viz., "C.P.'s" 1 point; "H.W.'s" 3 points.

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By the way, how is the Carlin, Clark Quoit Company progressing? Have any more deaths occurred?

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We regret to announce the departure to civilian life of Sgt.-Inst. Tailor and Mrs. Maunder. We assure them that our wishes for success go with them.

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We welcome to the Mess the following:—
Act.-Sgt. C. Greenstock, from Green Howards.
Lce.-Sgt. C. Chislett, on appointment.
Lce.-Sgt. J. Peppiatt, on appointment.

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We hope they have a pleasant time during their stay with us.

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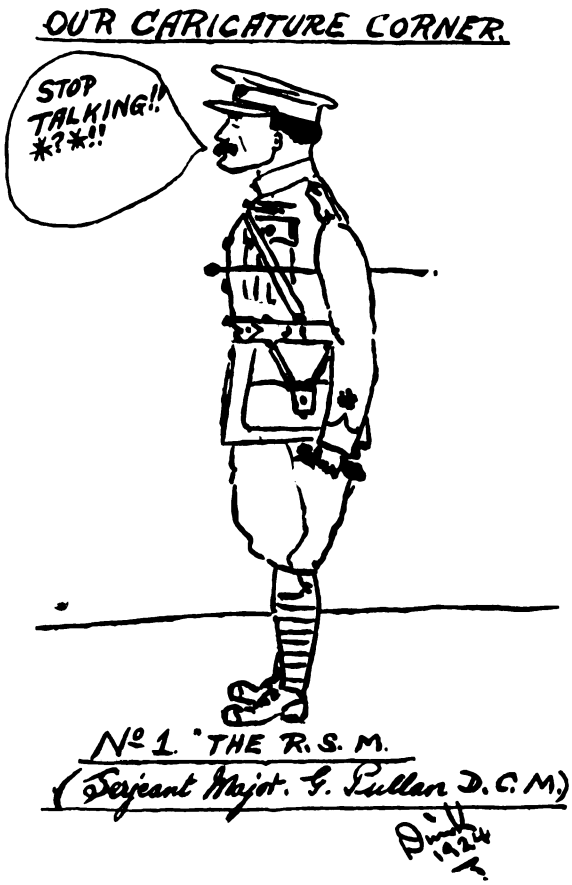

This month we offer our last "Chestnut" of the series.

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During the time that these have been in issue they have been very popular.

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Several readers, in fact, have been heard to remark that the first thing they looked for on opening the *Gazette* was the "Chestnut."

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The author begs to thank those who have formed the subjects in these, for their assistance in creating them, and also for the sporting spirit in which they have been received.

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Now that "they" have gone, we are commencing a "Caricature Corner," and we sincerely hope that the endeavours of our excellent cartoonist (Dink) will be appreciated in the same way as our "Chestnut" humourist's work has been.

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We are going down the roll by seniority.

OUR MONTHLY CHESTNUT NO. 18.

MEMORANDUM.

To THE QUARTERMASTER.
From O.C. H.Q. WING,
7th Bn. Blankshire Regt.

Wahn, 17 : 7 : 24.

Kindly note that we have dug ourselves hoarse, and regret to report that the drain in the vicinity of my Company office has no concrete bottom.

G. ADSNIL, *Capt.*,
O.C. H.Q. Wing.

From THE QUARTERMASTER,
7th Bn. Blankshire Regt.
To O.C. H.Q. Wing.

ANSWER.

Wahn, 18 : 7 : 24.

Sorry that you have been unsuccessful in your endeavours.
PLEASE TRY ANOTHER DRAIN.

W. WERSYM, *Lieut.*,
Q.M. 7th Bn. Blankshire Regt.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

May, 1924.

So much will have been written by more competent and particular pens than mine upon the subject of St. George's Day, that a few words only are called for.

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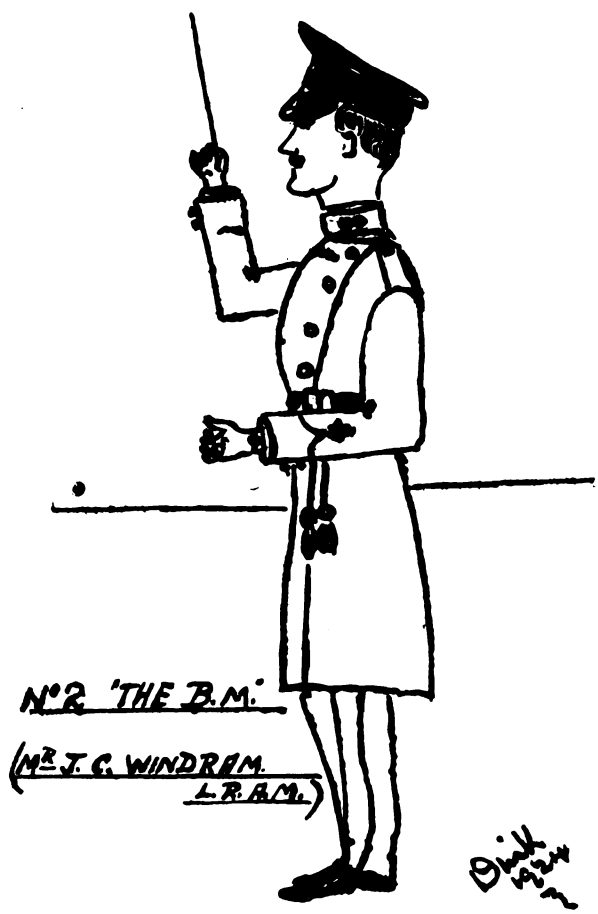
Everyone felt it a great privilege to have been able to take a part in so moving and impressive a parade, and that the



"ensemble" was well carried out the compliment paid by the G.O.C.-in-C. eloquently testified.

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We have every reason to throw out our chests, and commiserate with those poor souls who were unable, for one reason or another, to be on parade with us.

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Needless to say, the presence of the Corporals in the ranks helped enormously to ensure that steadiness so essential to the photographer on the roof for the proper exercising of his function.

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We were represented by Tweedledum, too, in the "rooty-gong" dispensation parade. It was whispered that a very High Personage expressed himself as eminently satisfied with the manner in which the gallant Corporal had refereed the parade.

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After dinner various people enjoyed the day according to their various inclinations. One "soldier of unlimited illusionments" decided that the shape of his face was unsatisfactory, and so proceeded to have it altered.

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The Pioneer tells me that the German workmen employed on the erection of the Grand Stand, Half-crown Ring, and so forth, were dreadfully disappointed that all the preparations were merely for a parade, and not a football match.

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For the rest, duties have been extraordinarily heavy. Amongst other joys we have had our teeth either overhauled or simply hauled. There is a story about a deceased Fusilier being detailed—these Orderly Sergeants are so thoughtless.

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The imminence of Camp is fluttering the dovecots. Some folk are seriously exercised as to whether they shall stay behind altogether, go by train with the Advance Party, or just join the common herd and walk. Fortunately, perhaps, these weighty matters are decided by other councils than ours.

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Some few of the more earnest are busy groping amongst the deeps of learning for first-class certificates. As was propounded the other night:—If 123 C.E. + 67 R.C. + 50 D. = 1 Church Parade, what does x equal in terms of web equipment?

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The answer is, of course, a pomegranate.

LATER—IN CAMP AT WAHN.

The exodus from barracks having been successfully accomplished, we settled down remarkably soon in our new home. The oldest inhabitant was occupying his usual position—a strategic one close to the—er—office—when we found the Mess.

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Fortunately the weather has, so far, been wonderfully fine during training hours, and various shades of mahogany are being worn as complexion tints this season.

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By the bye, we think we have discovered whom Edward Lear had in mind when he invented "The Dong with the Luminous Nose."

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Don't the nice new mackintosh capes give a Ku-Klux Klannish appearance to a perfectly harmless body of men?

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By a curious freak of Fate, at least one member has visited this camp in a somewhat different capacity. One wonders which condition of life he finds preferable.

Finally, training and all its works are utterly and irrevocably taboo.

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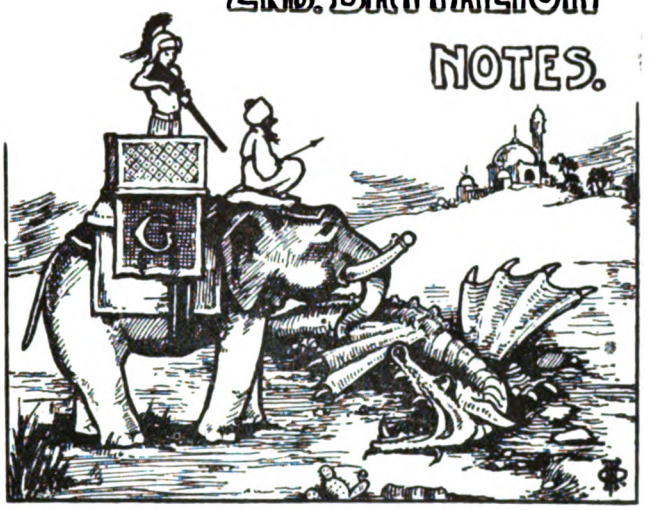
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,

17th April, 1924.

A good many changes have taken place since writing our last notes. Lieut.-Colonel Sandilands has left (temporarily only, we are glad to say) to take up the post of officiating G.S.O. 1 Meerut District.

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Lieut.-Colonel Kershaw has rejoined the Battalion after many years; his arrival was unfortunately delayed by illness at Bombay,

2ND BATTALION ATHLETIC SPORTS TEAM.

WINNERS OF 19TH INDIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ATHLETIC SPORTS COMPETITION, LUCKNOW, 1923-24.

Top row, standing, left to right —FUSLRS. ADAMSON, CLIFFORD, DIXON; BDMN. BRIERS; LCE.-CPLS. SCOTT, SELL; FUS. BROWN.

2nd row, standing, left to right - FUSLRS. HAY, POWELL, ALLEN; LCE.-CPLS. CHARLTON, DALEY; FUS. MURPHY; SGT. SALT; BDMN. KNOX.

Sitting, left to right CPL. DICKINSON, FUS. NOEL, DMR. ANDREWS, LIEUT. TARLETON, CAPT. PLUMMER, LCE.-CPL. WOOLL, FUS. VEITCH, FUS. BURNS.

Sitting on ground A BDMN. ANDERSON, FUS. CLARK.

but he eventually arrived on 5th April looking as fit as could be expected under the circumstances.

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Major Foster, after oscillating between C.O. and 2nd in Command has taken over B Company *vice* Capt. Waight, on leave to England. Capt. Redwood and Lieut. Hopper have also left on long leave home.

2ND BATTALION CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM.

WINNERS OF 19TH INDIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE CROSS-COUNTRY RUN, LUCKNOW, 1923–24.

Standing, left to right—A/BDMN. ANDERSON, LCE.-CPL. WHITE, FUS. VEITCH, LCE.-CPL. RUSSELL, FUS. CASSIDY.

Sitting, left to right—FUS. DAVIS, FUS. BULLOCK, CPL. WOOD, CAPT. PLUMMER, LCE.-CPL. DALEY, FUS. ROGERS, FUS. CLARK.

Our further victories in the Brigade Sports events are chronicled elsewhere.

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Many friends at home, of all ranks, have been probably wondering at the non-arrival of letters or news from India.

NO. 16 PLATOON ("D" COY.)—WINNERS, BATTALION INTER-PLATOON FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, 1923–24.

Back Row.—Fus. J. Bateman, Fus. W. Matthews, Fus. W. Grimston.

Middle Row.—Fus. D. Salisbury, Fus. J. Noble, Cpl. S. Howett, Fus. M. Neary, Fus. R. Stephenson.

Front Row.—Fus. M. Walsh, Lce.-Cpl. G. Cross, Fus. R. Pooley, Fus. T. White, Cpl. W. Young.

We have recently been suffering from extensive thefts of letters posted at Fyzabad; the "Aryan brother" has apparently discovered a new source of income in stealing letters, licking off the stamps which he resells, and destroying the stolen letters.

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It is hoped to bring the culprits to book, and in the meantime we hope this explanation will help to allay the anxiety of friends at home, already expressed in many cases by cables.

LUCKNOW BRIGADE CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

On 27th March, our Battalion Cross Country Running Team went to Lucknow to compete in the Brigade Cross Country Run. Our success in the Brigade Athletic Sports Meeting in February, coupled with the fact that our team was thoroughly well trained, and, as thoroughly keen, led us to feel confident as to our success. Our hopes were amply fulfilled, though the D.C.L.I. team proved no mean opponents. The final points were: 5th Fusiliers 298 points; D.C.L.I., 267.

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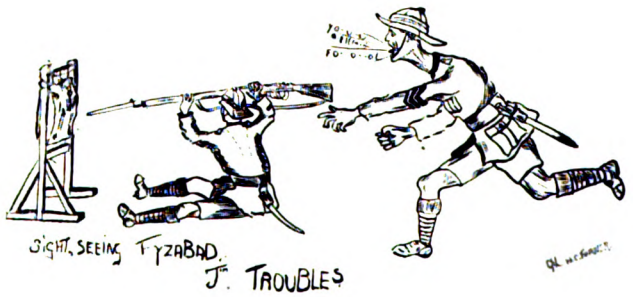
The Cheshire Regiment team and that of the 4th Hussars were a good deal below the standard of ourselves and the D.C.L.I.

The conditions were very trying, the season being far too far advanced for running, and the going hard. The distance of four miles, therefore proved a stiff test. The placings show a really remarkable example of good team-running, and also emphasise the value of having no tail. The D.C.L.I. deserve our congratulations in securing five home in the first six, thereafter a tail.



Our team finished as follows: Cpl. Wood, 2nd; Capt. Plummer, 7th; Lce.-Cpl. Daley, 8th; Fus. Bullock, 9th; Fus. Davis, 10th; Fus. Rogers, 11th; Fus. Cassidy, 12th; Lce.-Cpl. Russell 13th; Fus. Clark, 19th; and Lce.-Cpl. White, 21st.

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If any special praise is due, it is to Cpl. Wood on his splendid running and Fus. Davis who, as reserve, was called upon at the last moment and finished 10th in stocking feet. Through an unfortunate misunderstanding Fus. Veitch, 1st man home in our Battalion run, failed to turn up at the starting point.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

March and April have been busy months for the Battalion, and we have consequently had our full quota.

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To begin with, our St. George's Ball was the opening of one round of festivities and functions, which have curiously enough been lacking since our return from camp.

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The Annual Ball was brought forward to 26th March, to enable as many of the married families as possible to be present,

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Unfortunately the Colonel, who had departed to take up his appointment on the staff, could not attend, but otherwise there was a capital attendance, and many old friends came to greet us.

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The hall was tastefully decorated with the harmony of colour so appropriate for St. George's Festival. The Colours, Battn. silver, and Guards in pre-war white, were brilliant radiants which caught the eye in a gorgeous spectacle.

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Our garden lounge, and an equally comfortable and well-set-out supper-room, were soothing in their simplicity and taste.

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There were two seatings for supper, and about 150 sat down to an excellent menu provided under the able direction of Sgt. Rutherford. Dancing lasted until 3 a.m., and might have been carried on much later, judging by the vitality shown by some of our "real live" members. However, we separated happy, and for a most successful function, including as it did all pre-war glory it was conceivable to add, we have to thank our president, C.S.M. E. Beck, and a very able committee of young members. May we have many more such happy days!

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The annual Centipedes and Scorpions Football Match found the old hands just a trifle too good for the Centipedes. A severe defeat of 2—0 after extra time does not speak well for the vitality of the younger generation, and does not agree with their efforts on St. George's Ball night.

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Of course the challenges have gone out again, for, as in France in the "happy" days of the war, where the American blamed the Frenchman and the Frenchman blamed the Belgian, so the Centipedes have handed it down to the Referee. An unorthodox penalty kick taken by C.Q.M.S. Willson (16 years' service), and a "leave me alone" solo run by Sgt. Fitzgerald (16 years' service), sealed the fate of the younger side. Notable absentees from the Scorpions team were R.Q.M.S. Capstaff and C.S.M. Prophet. These matches are always attended with a certain amount of risk, and it is here where the younger members console with the "about to be pensioner" members in their wise forethought and selection of choice.

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Our sole representative in the Inter-Company Boxing made one feel proud of our prestige. A more worthy representative and a bigger heart we could not find than our Paddy Higgins. He survived to win against a much younger and heavier opponent in the first series, and was sent to the boards five times before being counted out in the semi-final of the weight.

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We engaged the Corporals at Hockey during the early part of April, and managed to scrape home victorious, though by a narrow margin of 1 goal, the final score being 3—2.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

21st April, 1924.

On the 19th March, we held our Annual St. George's Dance in the Regimental Theatre. Invitations were sent to the Officers W.O.'s, S/Sgts. and Sgts. of the Battalion, also to the 9th Battery R.F.A., these all turned up to do us honour and share in our celebrations of "Der Tag."

ST. GEORGE'S BALL, 1924.

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The whole of the arrangements were in the hands of Cpl. Beatty (Ginger) who was President of the St. George's Dance Committee.

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The Theatre was tastefully decorated in Red and White festoons and palms were placed all round the hall giving the whole quite a gala effect.

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Dancing commenced at 9 p.m. and was continued till 2 a.m., the next morning, and it was with feelings of regret that one heard the strains of "The King," terminating what had been a very enjoyable evening.

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The dancing season as far as we are concerned is now closed on the plains, as the hill season is now looming on the horizon, and ere these notes appear in print, the majority of our families will

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have proceeded to the hills for the summer, closely followed by the Band who are remaining behind to take part in the Troop on St. George's Day.

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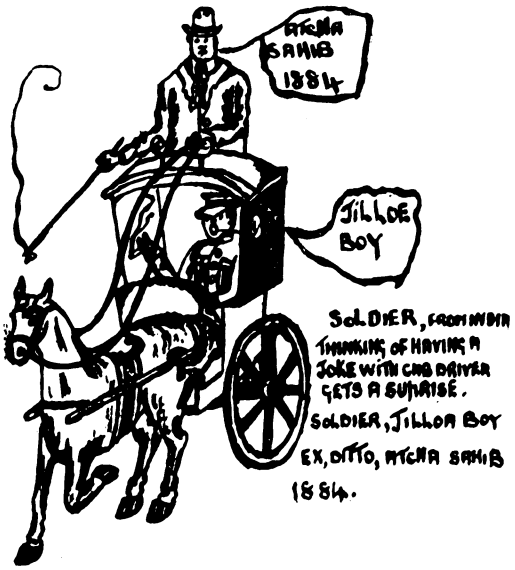
Nevertheless, we have other recreations to divert us, not quite so strenuous as dancing, and we are booked to meet the Sergeants at hockey at no distant date, and there are hopes of some tennis matches being arranged also.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Our correspondent proceeds to the hills with the Band, so no doubt we shall get full accounts of their sojourn up there.

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Our St. George's Dance was held on the 19th of last month, the arrangements being ably carried out jointly by Cpls. Beatty and Springate, and their committee, who thought of everything necessary to the comfort of the guests. The hall was tastefully decorated, and the orchestra, under the baton of Cpl. Saunders, played delightful music, which was greatly appreciated, every dance being encored, and in fact some were encored two and three times. The jazz drummer was the star turn of the evening, dressed as an Indian Rajah, his antics kept everyone greatly amused. This dance, like all good dances, ended in the small hours of the morning.

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Several of our members have paid occasional visits to our comrades of the 9th Royal Battery R.F.A., and were made very welcome indeed. Two certain members speak of the Bombardiers in most praiseworthy terms, and, believe me, they have every qualification for so doing, as they appear to be attached to the R.F.A. for everything except pay. They were seen last Thursday morning mounted on two magnificent horses, and they looked, every inch, born equestrians, until they took the jumps, when they looked, every inch, born acrobats. However, they enjoyed their experience, and it is their intention to become masters of the art of equitation.

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What is more exhilarating than a good gallop before breakfast? Some of our members would say an extra hour or so in bed; but they probably have never experienced the joys of riding.

Our two rough-riders also paid a visit to the gun park, where they were shown an 18-pounder gun, the working of which was demonstrated to them and proved very interesting. One notable feature about the guns is the highly-polished condition in which they are kept.

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Our first soccer match against the Junior N.C.O.'s of the R.F.A. resulted in a win for us of 7 goals to 1. In view of the fact that the Bombardiers have only 22 men from which to pick a team, and that we have 140 members, it must be said that they played remarkably well, as it was obvious right from the commencement of the game, that our team was greatly superior in every way. The game was clean throughout, and they proved themselves thorough good sportsmen, which cannot be said of every team we have played against.

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On the evening of the 17th we met the Bombardiers at billiards, and on this occasion we suffered a defeat; however, once again, as on every occasion when we visit them, they entertained us all the evening, and as usual we spent a very pleasant time. The results of the billiards tournament are as follows:—

9TH ROYAL BATTERY R.F.A.		2/5TH FUSILIERS.	
Bombardier Perry	100	Cpl. Young	91
Bombardier Walker	100	Lce.-Cpl. Whittaker	91
Saddler Colley	100	Cpl. Dickenson	94
Lce.-Bombardier Wells	100	Lce.-Cpl. Appleyard	97
Lce.-Bombardier Hibbett	92	Lce.-Cpl. Catterick	100
Lce.-Bombardier Smith	100	Lce.-Cpl. Bennett	34
Total	592	Total	507

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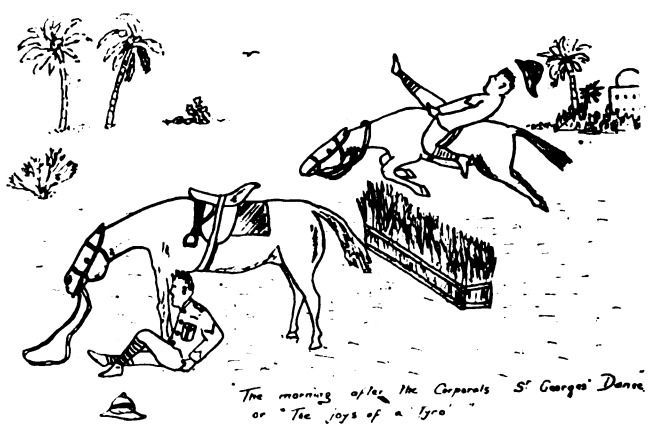
The following promotions and appointments have been made:—

No. 4257353 Cpl. C. Dalby, appointed paid Lce.-Sgt.
" 4257173 Lce.-Cpl. A. Williams, promoted paid Cpl.
" 4260519 Lce.-Cpl. N. Fairley, promoted paid Cpl.
" 4260617 Lce.-Cpl. S. Rawthorne, promoted paid Cpl.
" 4260885 Lce.-Cpl. E. Baker, promoted paid Cpl.



To the above N.C.O.'s we tender our best wishes and congratulations.

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We met the senior Mess at hockey, and were beaten by them by 3 goals to 2.

W. H. B.

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DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
24th May, 1924.

Last month's notes did not include an account of St. George's Day festivities, our correspondent being in the throes of packing.

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The Sergeants' Ball, on the night 22nd/23rd, was a huge success. The Gym. was splendidly decorated for the occasion, and the whole affair was quite equal to pre-war standard. The flash-light photographs came out quite well, and the whole evening passed off without a hitch, for which credit is due to the committee, who worked most strenuously.

AT THE WAR MEMORIAL IN ELDON SQUARE, NEWCASTLE-ON TYNE,
ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1924.

The Depôt paraded at full strength at 9 a.m. on St. George's Day and marched down to the new City Memorial, on which wreaths were laid by Major R. M. Booth, D.S.O., R.Q.M.S. Redhead, and Lce./Cpl. Naish, on behalf of the Officers, W.O.'s, and Sgts., and Rank and File, respectively. It was a most impressive little ceremony.

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On return to barracks, photographs were taken of the whole Depôt, after which most of the officers adjourned to Rothbury

AT THE WAR MEMORIAL IN ELDON SQUARE, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1924.

Races. The weather was perfect, though some of us may have felt that other conditions were not so propitious.

Captain and Mrs. Powell graced the meeting in their new car (unnamed as yet). On their way home, intentionally or

AT THE WAR MEMORIAL IN ELDON SQUARE, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1924.

otherwise, rumour has it that they essayed some hill climbing tests. Whether these were successful or not is wrapped in mystery, but it is said that they arrived home rather late.

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We have to report, with very much regret, the departure of Mr. Seth-Smith. The Depôt will much miss his many activities. We feel sure the 1st Battalion will gain by our loss, though we hope that we shall benefit in a way by having a representative at headquarters.

From a photo by] [*E. Gosman.*

BAYONET TRAINING, DEPOT, MAY, 1924.
THE TARGET BEING INDICATED BY SERGT. REARDON.

The Aid Society Ball was a great success, but it took the whole efforts of the Committee to make it so. Capt. H. I. Powell, who took on the onerous duties of secretary, was indefatigable in his efforts, and it was largely owing to him that everything went off so well.

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Before the Ball the officers of the Depôt gave a Dinner to friends connected with the Regiment—amongst those present

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were Sir P. S. and Lady Wilkinson, Col. Roddam, Col. and Mrs. Irwin, Col. and Mrs. Gibson, Col. and Mrs. Rogers, Major and Mrs. Holderness, and Capt. M. Blackett-Ord.

BAYONET TRAINING—"A STICKY FINISH."

We welcome Mr. Forbes-Watson, who has just arrived from 1st Battalion in relief of Mr. Seth-Smith; we were beginning to fear that the attractions of Cologne were proving too strong for him.

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Inspection germ is rife again; indeed, we think we must follow the advice of the 1st Battalion correspondent, and erect a special flagstaff at the Depôt for use on these all too frequent occasions. Such an idea is worthy of the fertile brain from which it emanates. There should be no lack of training cadre officers when the owner has got to work in the new sphere of action to which he will soon proceed, but we think a tour at the Depôt as a preliminary would have been of mutual benefit to all concerned.

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Congratulations to Capt. M. Blackett-Ord on his engagement to Miss Carr-Ellison.

"FIGHTING THE BLOBSTICK."

The 5th/68th R.D. Billiard Tournament took place during the month, at which all members of the combined Mess competed. Results:—

1st Prize—R.S.M. Groves, 5th Fus.
2nd Prize—Sgt. Speed, 5th Fus.
3rd Prize—Lce.-Sgt. McCarthy, 5th Fus.
Highest Break Prize—C.Q.M.S. Peak, 5th Fus.

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The usual Monthly Whist Drive and Social was held on the 16th inst., prizes being won as follows:—

Ladies.	*Gents.*
1st—Mrs. Byrne, 5th Fus.	1st—B.S.M. Rush, R.F.A.
2nd—Mrs. Rollo, 68th.	2nd—Mr. Howson, late 68th.

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Congratulations are due to Lce.-Sgt. McCarthy, he having qualified at the S.A.C. as a Training Cadre Instr. in the Rifle and L.A.; he appears to have had hard luck, inasmuch as he was only a few points off a "D."

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We must also congratulate Lce.-Sgt. McCarthy on the birth of twins. Mrs. McCarthy and the twins are going "great guns."

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We were very pleased to see Sergeant "Freddy" Maunders, and regret his stay was so short. He joined the Depôt for discharge on 16th April, 1924, and proceeded home same date. We wish him the best of luck in civil life.

From a photo by] [*E. Gosman.*

"THE ACCUSING HAND" ON A SLEEPY AFTERNOON, DEPOT, MAY, 1924.

Coy. Sgt.-Major "Cog" Graham was discharged to pension on completion of twenty-one years' service, on the 26th April, 1924. To him and Mrs. Graham we wish the best in civil life.

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Coy. Sgt.-Major "Jim" O'Hara joined the Depôt 1st April, 1924, and is absorbed into the Depôt establishment, 27th April, 1924, *vice* Graham, discharged. We welcome both Jim and Mrs. O'Hara, and trust their tour at the Regtl. Depôt will be all that they desire.

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Cpl. George was appointed paid Lce.-Sgt., *vice* Hart promoted, 28th Nov., 1923, and completes our establishment of paid Lce.-Sgts. We welcome him to the Mess.

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C.S.M. O'Hara proceeded to London on the 21st inst. as Unit representative at the Annual R.A.T.A. conference.

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It has been rumoured that he has to hire a motor lorry to bring back his purchases in London on behalf of the members of the Mess.

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It is regretted that no notes were submitted for April, but owing to preparations for St. George's Day, etc., with all hands on deck, the fact that notes had to be submitted on the 23rd was overlooked.

CRICKET.

Between showers of rain we have been able to get in a little cricket.

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On Saturday, 17th May, the Depôt Staff, captained by Lieut. Thomas, were easily defeated by the Recruit Company, captained by Captain E. H. Baxter. Score—Recruit Company, 114 and 41 for 1 wkt. declared. Depôt Staff, 55 and 46. Fus. W. Pyle made 70 in the first innings for the Recruit Coy.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Our Annual St. George's Ball was held on the night 22nd/23rd of April, and everybody present voted it a great success. We were pleased to have the Officers of the Regiment with us for the night, and the Officers of the 68th Durham L.I., R.A.M.C., etc. The muster of old Fusiliers was not so good as usual, but among the older hands we were pleased to see Col. J. Bett, S.M. Geo. Atkins, and ex-Col.-Sgt. Shepperd (who joined the FIFTH in '64). Our thanks must go to Q.M.S. Wardle and his committee for a very happy and successful night.

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On Saturday, 26th April, a very successful Dinner was held at the Crown Hotel, at which past and present members of the Regular Battalions foregathered, and to which members of the Depôt were invited. Capt. W. Smith took the chair, supported by Mr. Rowden. During the evening many old friends of the 16th (Commercial) Battalion, who were having a "smoker" in the same hotel, joined us, and some capital musical items were rendered. The time was all too short, and the gathering reluctantly broke up at 10.30 p.m. This was the second Annual Dinner to be held, and we all hope that the occasion will lead to many more.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

May! Glorious May!! But alas! not in Newcastle-on-Tyne. At the time of writing, all members are discussing a proposal to challenge our neighbours to a snowball fight! At night the Mess is like a hospital ward, coughing and sneezing being very prevalent—so much that "Thora" (thank goodness!) is quite inaudible.

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On Saturday, 17th, the Recruit Company challenged the Depôt Staff to a game of cricket; several members participated (to a certain extent). One Lce.-Cpl.—to wit, "he of the Bag"—distinguished himself, until he eventually took his stand at the wicket. Adorned with a sweet little cap, he waded his way towards the wicket, wreathed in smiles, and bowing to the many spectators who gave him a rousing reception. S-s-sh—Silence! the bowler had commenced his 200 yards sprint prior to delivering the ball. What was it going to be? Two? Three?—"No! at least a boundary." And then "*crash*"—wood flew in all directions—!**?? ?***?*—Oh! it was a miserable Tommy that shuffled towards the Central Station on that Saturday afternoon.

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Our "Willow" is still as active as ever (with a knife and fork). He has made a great hit as an umpire, and his style of dress for that particular occupation is "very becoming."

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Lce.-Cpl. Desmond, who now has charge of the dining-room, must be complimented on the very excellent condition in which it is kept. Anyone putting their nose inside the door (this is as far as one can get when "Dessy" is about) would see him neatly arranging the flowers, and with the aid of his assistants dressing the cruets, etc., "by the right."

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Since the white belts have made their appearance, several suits of civilian clothing have been sadly neglected. Rumour hath it that one Corporal was known to have left his warm bed at the ghostly hour of one a.m., and to have struck at least a box of matches examining the results of that white blanco.

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We have so much to do these days that little time can be spent away from the square. "What do you say?—parade in Battle Order in five minutes' time?"****????**** "Oh! Crumbs!" B. 252.

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4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,

23rd May, 1924.

A very successful Dinner for Past and Present Officers of the Battalion was held at the County Hotel, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on St. George's Day. Nearly all the officers now serving were present, and we were all very glad to see so many old friends. Col. E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O., was the guest of the evening, and amongst others present were:—Lt.-Cols. Gibson and Cruddas, Majors W. Stephenson and Williams and Captains Bradley, Hare, Clarke, Wood, Watson, Charlewood and Plummer. Our thanks are due to Captain Charlewood and the Committee who made all the arrangements, and to Messrs. Piek and Stephenson for their very successful efforts to entertain us after dinner. Many officers went on to the Sergeants' Ball of the 6th Battalion, and there enjoyed themselves greatly until the early hours of the morning.

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On St. George's Day greetings were received from 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, and 7th Battalions, the Depôt, and from Major and Mrs. St. John and Colonel W. H. Ritson.

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The Brigade arranged a further visit to the training areas at Ripon, from May 2nd to 4th, when officers representing the

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Headquarters Wing and the four other Companies had an excellent opportunity for thoroughly inspecting the different areas and preparing their schemes for annual training.

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Our new Brigadier came down to Ripon on the Sunday and spoke to C.O.'s and Adjutants on the subject of Training in Camp.

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In spite of a very wet week-end, a lot of useful preliminaries were disposed of, and the visit will have beneficial results when we get to Ripon on June 22nd.

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Colonel H. S. Morant, D.S.O., Commanding the Northumberland Infantry Brigade, visited the various Drill Halls of the Battalion during the month, and expressed his satisfaction with the turn-out and keenness of the detachments which he saw at training.

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The first Week-end Camp at Allendale has passed by successfully. A large number of N.C.O.'s and men turned out from

CAPT. F. B. CLARKE AND THE W.O. AND SERGEANTS, "Z" COMPANY, ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1924.

Newburn, and everyone appeared to enjoy the Camp. The "Q" arrangements were excellent, thanks to our friend and Quartermaster, Capt. W. Watson; and one Fusilier, who had demolished four eggs and half a pound of bacon for breakfast, declared that, so far as he was concerned, the week-end was "champion!"—his "heart" was too full to say more.

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The field firing and training carried out constituted a most useful preliminary canter, both for annual training and for the County Rifle Meeting.

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Companies will now have only themselves to blame if they do not produce some real good Tile Shooting Teams.

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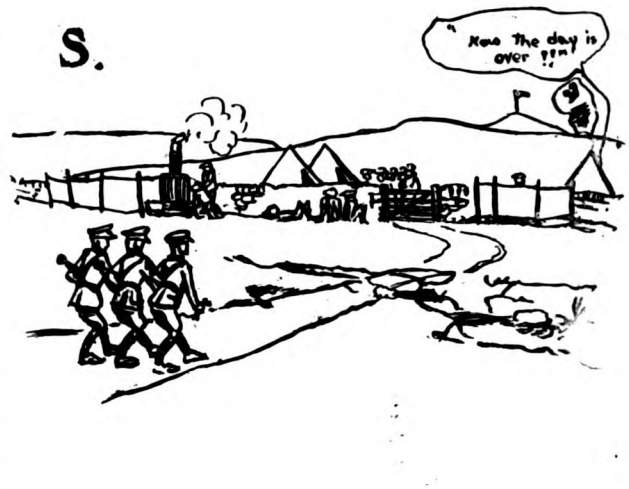
Lt.-Col. Cruddas, D.S.O., has promised to officiate at the next Battalion Tactical Exercise, on June 1st.

At last we are able to inform our readers that work has been commenced upon the new Drill Hall at Newburn.



"S" STANDS FOR SHOOTING ON ALLENDALE RANGE
THE TROOPS CAME AT TEN, BUT IT SEEMED RATHER STRANGE
ONE CAPTAIN WAS ABSENT AND SUBALTERNS THREE
ARRIVED VERY LATE, THO' IN TIME FOR THEIR T.

This was issued to each of them to wear on their jackets

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

The past month has been a very busy one for all concerned. Our St. Geroge's Day Dinner in Newcastle was a great success, and I am sure that those who afterwards went to the 6th Battalion Sergeants' Dance had a very good time. Those who stayed on at the County doubtless also enjoyed themselves, but as to what they actually did had better be left unwritten.

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Our Company's Smoker, on the 26th, was even a greater success than usual. Our Prudhoe friends were very welcome, and quite a merry evening was spent.

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The fire committee's solution to Prudhoe's problem *re* bus on fire and O.C. Coy.'s seat on ammunition is as follows:—"Without causing any unnecessary alarm to others, seize the steering wheel and direct the bus into the nearest deep river—sit tight and hope for the best."

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Our second week-end at Ripon was not quite so enjoyable as the first, as the weather was very bad on the Sunday.

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NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES,

OR

"THE BATTLE OF PRUDHOE,"

By I. WHITNESS.

Never in the course of their famous existence have the Prudhoe Guards received such a severe reverse as that which was inflicted upon them by the raiding troops from the Northern banks of the River Tyne.

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On Saturday, 10th May, a company of picked warriors, supported by artillery and areoplanes, crossed the River Tyne at Ovingham and engaged the Prudhoe Guards near Hyons Wood, driving them up the slopes of the hills to the southward and on to the main line of resistance—selected, we understand, on account of a large choice of estaminets suitable for Company Headquarters. However, such was the fame of the refreshment obtainable, that a flanking platoon of the Newburn Raiders, having previously promised to share any loot with the fixing platoons, worked round the flank of the Prudhoe Guards with

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AND IT WAS IN THE REAR WHERE WE HAD THE BEST VIEW
OF FINE OPEN MOORS, WITH NO SIGNS OF A HOUSE.
YET ALTHOUGH ALL WERE HAPPY, WE HEARD MANY GROUSE.

such speed that they actually occupied their line of resistance before they fell back on it. Thirsty beyond endurance, and thwarted in front and in the rear, the Prudhoe Guards fought with the fury of despair, and after the battle it was noticed that all the fallen had died with their tongues hanging out, or cleaving to the roofs of their mouths. "They were moderately handsome in their lives, and in their thirst they were not divided."

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From the above account of "The Battle of Prudhoe," it would seem that the Prudhoe Guards were almost totally annihilated. Far otherwise! That evening they came to life again, and entertained their erstwhile foes right royally, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, with the result that before the evening was over the Newburn Raiders eventually retired thoroughly disorganised.

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On May 17th and 18th "W" and "X" Companies of the detachment carried out Field Firing Practices on Allendale Range, and the beautiful weather and a splendid wet canteen greatly assisted in making the week-end a most enjoyable one.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

On 26th April we visited "Y" Company at Haltwhistle, and spent a most enjoyable evening. O.C. statistics has not yet rendered his report on the amount of "lotion" consumed, but one sergeant was heard to remark that "he had consumed one hundred gills" (or words to that effect). The following were present:—Capt. F. B. Clarke, C.S.M. E. Wind, Sgt.-Instr. H. K. West, C.Q.M.S. R. W. Redhead, Sergt. E. Craddock, Sergt. H. Gilholme, and Sergt. J. McQue.

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The Newburn detachment arrived in some force on 10th May, complete with Transport Sergeant, Sergeant Cook, Machine Gunners, and Signallers, to assault us on our impregnable heights—unfortunately the said heights failed to function in their usual manner, and the afternoon finished with the "Guards" rather bewitched and bewildered, thanks to the cunning displayed by the "little man" and his mercenaries. Anyhow we are pleased to say that none of the "blue" army qualified for four pints. On the contrary, our O.C., with much enthusiasm, captured four of the enemy (including a certain well-known sergeant) about 300 yards behind our main position.

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The evening developed into a "Smoker" such as we have not seen for a long time (shade of the D.F. !), and our guests are reported to be more or less in working order again after a few days of complete rest.

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We wish to congratulate Sergt. E. Craddock on the manner in which he saved a life last Sunday. Danger to him was non-existent, and his conduct is worthy of recognition by the authorities ("Please, Sir, I can't go on parade because I can't get off my back").

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We are pleased to say that the Church Parade on 27th April was very well attended, about 50 per cent. of the Company being on parade. On this occasion Lt.-Col. Cruddas visited us for the first time since his recent posting to the Battalion, and expressed himself very pleased with the general turn-out.

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We had nearly forgotten to mention the Brigade Staff ride at Ripon. We don't remember much about it, but the following seem to be very prominent "points which we want brought out"—Unicorn, Felix, Matches, Venus, Waters, Rabbits, George and BEER.

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The uninitiated may imagine from the above that no work was done during the said week-end—they are absolutely wrong.

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Several important positions have been consolidated, and we have arranged for a daily supply of the "waters," to be drawn by the Orderly Sergeant and issued before breakfast (in the interests of economy, of course).

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It is indeed fortunate that our Contingency Account could stand a fresh bottle of ink, otherwise these notes would have finished about twenty minutes ago; as it is, we leave ourselves in the hands of the Editor, and trust that Newburn have been too busy with their deep-laid schemes to write their notes.

5TH BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER,
May, 1924.

"The merrie month of May" and it has been a "merrie" month, if work indicates happiness, and it does. Very busy for seven consecutive week-ends is some going, and indicates much enthusiasm. Three week-ends at Chollerford, two at Ripon, and the others at Ponteland.

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The Chollerford schemes have at once been an education and an inspiration; not the least interesting parts of the schemes being the little problems which we thought easy. How different they looked when the practical mind of the expert took the matter up!

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For instance, we arrived in Wark, and the following was propounded:—

> "The Medical Officer is out of action, and the stores are lost. There is a chemist's shop in this village. What would you take from the shop, remembering you are retiring and that you have little transport."—

Easy—dead easy! Lint, etc., etc.

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What do you think was missed by all? "Safety-pins," "Sal volatile."

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We were delighted to have with us again Dr. R. Errington, M.C., R.A.M.C.; Major Graham, R.F.A.; and Capt. Bell, of Signals.

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The visit of General Harrington, G.O.C. Northern Command, to Newcastle, gave many of us the opportunity of meeting this distinguished officer. He dined with the Officers of the 5th and 6th Battalions at St. George's Hall, and a right good night it was.

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Training is proceeding apace, and everyone seems keen.

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Another St. George's Day has come and gone—another milestone passed. We held our usual dinner at Walker, when some fifty officers, past and present, attended. Our C.O. presided, and among those attending were Colonel D. R. Macdonald, T.D.; Lt.-Col. Gordon-Luhrs, C.M.G., T.D.; Capts. "Bill" Haswell, J. Smith, A. Brown, C. V. Marks, Frank Johnson, A. K. Wardroper, M.B.E.

Among the messages received was one from Capt. Butler, our late Adjutant, who is now in Malta.

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The usual toasts were drunk: one to our "comrades sleeping abroad" being honoured in silence. May we keep untarnished the faith they died for.

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"Meggies" legerdemain was too funny for words.

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Our stock of Mess silver has been increased by the addition of a magnificent cigarette box, for which we are indebted to Lt.-Col. Gordon-Luhrs. Many thanks!

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This dinner was the first big effort of our new P.M.C. (Capt. C. Fairweather). It was a notable success, and we hasten to congratulate him. However, camping time will be testing time; and for our sakes we trust that the gastronomical barometer will continue to indicate "Fair weather."

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Our St. George's Church Parade was held on Sunday morning, 27th April. There were some 500 officers and men on parade, and the Battalion turned out a credit to the Regiment. An inspiring address was delivered by our Chaplain, Rev. N. G. Hounsfield, Vicar of Walker, after which we all sang our St. George's hymn. There are few things which so stir the blood and imagination as the singing of that fine old hymn by a strong body of men. After the service we marched to Walker Park, where a wreath was laid on the Battalion War Memorial by the Commanding Officer on behalf of all ranks.

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We took leave of our Brigadier-Colonel E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O., on 7th May. He was entertained to dinner by the Brigade on that date. Colonel Riddell commanded the Regiment both in France and in England, and we all felt the parting. Lt.-Col. A. Irwin, D.S.O., presided, and in his inimitable way proposed the toast of "Our guest." Colonel Riddell's reply was typical of the man. Briefly it was that—

(*a*) I am merely relinquishing my tour of command.
(*b*) We are all brother officers.
(*c*) If you fail to utilize my services, which are at your command, the fault will be yours.
(*d*) My heart is ever in the North Country.

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Before leaving the Brigade, Colonel Riddell had the satisfaction of seeing a big scheme of his come to fruition: that is the provision of a Sports Ground for the T.F. And, in passing, one might add that our Concert Party played no inconsiderable part in the raising of the necessary funds.

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Our congratulations to 2nd-Lieuts. Stanley and Worters on their second "pips"; and to Lieut. T. A. Carlile on his promotion to Captain.

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We have been most unfortunate in losing three of our officers, who, owing to pressure of business and consequent lack of opportunity, are not able to give the time to the work which it demands.

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Lieut. J. Smith retires with the rank of Captain.

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Lieut. R. A. Forster retires with the rank of Captain.

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Lieut. O. Young, M.C., retires with the rank of Lieutenant.

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We thank them for what they have done.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

May, 1924.

The St. George's Ball was a great success. A large company of Officers, Warrant Officers, Sergeants, and their friends were present, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

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A good turn-out was seen on the occasion of the Annual Church Parade at Walker Parish Church. After the service a wreath was put on the War Memorial in Walker Park.

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Who is the C.S.M. who finds gardening more conducive to thirst-production than prayer ? ?

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The week-end camps at Ponteland have been thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks, and we are all looking forward to the field firing week-end on 31st May and 1st June.

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The Battalion has lost one of its most promising young N.C.O.'s in Lce.-Sgt. Towers, who has joined the Air Force. We all wish him the best of luck.

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We give Sgt. Arbuckle, " B " Coy., and Sgt. Robson, " H.Q." Coy., a hearty welcome into the Mess, and congratulate them and C.Q.M.S. Dixon on their promotion.

6TH BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,

21st May, 1924.

We owe you an apology, Mr. Saint Editor, for our omission to send you an account of our doings since your January issue, but this does not mean that we have been disbanded or gone into voluntary liquidation, or anything of that sort. In fact, we have been pursuing the even tenour of our way with quite extraordinary energy, as the following will show :—

Before, however, giving an account of our doings and misdoings, we wish to record, with great regret, Col. E. P. A. Riddell's retirement from the command of the Brigade by effluxion of time. Many of the Battalion served with him in war, as well as in peace, and nothing more need be said than that our esteem and admiration for him as a fighting General in France has been trebly enhanced by his tactful leadership and infectious enthusiasm in peace. As one of the Battalion, able and willing to make use of the excellent sports ground he has secured for the Brigade, we appreciate what he has done for sport in the Brigade. Some of us were glad to be present at the formal opening, last month, of the ground by General Harrington, G.O.C. Northern Command (who dined with us and the Officers of the 5th Battalion in the evening). We hope we shall often see him in the future, and can assure him of a warm welcome whenever he sees fit to visit us.

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In saying farewell to Colonel Riddell, we welcome our new Brigadier, Col. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., who, although not a 5th Fusilier, comes to us with a great reputation as a soldier and sportsman. We wish him a most successful term of command, and feel that the military efficiency and sporting spirit of the Brigade is well secure in his hands.

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Next, we have to chronicle the retirement of our C.O. (on completion of allotted span)—(Lt.-Col. E. Temperley, D.S.O., T.D.), and the advent of his successor, Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D. Col. Temperley has commanded us since the war, and has had the pain and pleasure of pounding into shape, producing on parade, and passing on to his successor, a more or less passable proposition, viz., a peace battalion, up to strength, clean, fairly efficient, and full of *esprit de corps*. We wish him all success and good luck on his departure from the Regiment, to which he leaves a very fine record as its Commanding Officer in war and in peace.

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To Colonel Rogers we extend a hearty welcome, and wish him a most successful period of command.

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Still dealing with personnel, Lt. E. H. Macfadyen, owing to pressure of work, has to go on the Reserve. We are very sorry to lose him. 2nd-Lt. Leigh Criddle has joined the Battalion from the Uppingham O.T.C., and has been posted to " A " Company. If he has not already realised in that Company the priceless art of delegation of duty, we feel fairly certain that he soon will do so.

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The winter training season is past and over, and has been remarkable for the keenness shown in miniature rifle shooting. The inter-Company competition was won by " A " Coy. fairly easily. The sand table was also brought into prominence, and proved a valuable instructional asset.

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Since our last notes, we have also celebrated the Festival of Saint George and his elusive Dragon. After the week we are going to describe, we feel sure, Mr. Editor, that you will concur with us in saying : " That Dragon some day will be the death of me," and it probably will !

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The programme was, shortly :—the laying of a wreath on the War Memorial by the Colonel ; a Dinner in the Mess, with an adjournment to a really excellent and well-run Sergeants' Dance in the Grand Assembly Rooms, with a further adjournment to the Officers' Mess, with another adjournment to the Sergeants' Dance, and so on, *ad infinitum*, and " so say all of us,"

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Owing to St. George's Day falling on a weekday, there was no parade of troops. On the Friday following, most of us went to the Fusilier Aid Society Ball—a real good show and for a real good object—and we are glad to hear it is to be an annual event. On Saturday, a route march through "the Balmy Byeways of Bonny Byker," and a Battalion Dance in the evening at St. George's Drill Hall. On Sunday a Church Parade at St. Nicholas' Cathedral (very well attended), followed by a Luncheon at which we were glad to welcome many old hands, including Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, our late Divisional G.O.C., and the Colonel of the Regiment, and Major J. McI. Gordon, our late Adjutant, and his wife. May they always be with us on this "day of days"!

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Before lunch, the Colonel unveiled the War Memorial erected in the Sergeants' Mess—a very pleasing and touching ceremony and a very pleasing memorial. Canon Newsham, the Vicar of Newcastle, dedicated the Memorial.

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Col. Rogers, Major Wilkinson, Major Anderson, and the Adjutant, with the Band and a Guard of Honour, represented the Battalion at the unveiling of the R.A.M.C. War Memorial in Hutton Terrace Drill Hall, which was unveiled by Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson. We were very glad to be able to show this very small mark of respect and appreciation to a Corps which did so much, and with such quiet gallantry, for the first line soldiers in the war.

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At the end of the Church Parade, Col. Rogers presented the prizes for winter training, as follows:—

Winter Training Cup	.. ..	"B" Company.
Miniature Rifle Competition	..	"A" Company.
Officers' Sports Cup	.. ..	Lt. J. F. Challoner.
Worsley Gough Cup	.. ..	Major G. E. Wilkinson.
Officers' Shooting Cup	.. ..	2nd Lt. H. E. Wilson.

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Spring training is now in full swing, and already one Musketry Camp has been held at Ponteland, and all the Companies are having week-end camps (with pay) on their own. The latter are most instructive, and allow the Section Commanders to get hold of their men before going to camp, and also give "the creepers" an excuse for a motor ride into the country.

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Camp is, this year, at Ripon, and before these notes fall due again we will all be "in medias res." The latter quotation, though Hebraic in origin, has no reference or innuendo, we feel sure, to the seat of a well-known Company IDOL on his much-discussed and badly-mannered cinometic quadruped, "The Queen of Sheba."

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As the Field Officers' Federation has recently absorbed that Bolshevistic Band (previously referred to in these notes as "the Subalterns' Union"), and there being no other local news, the 6th Battalion notes will now close down.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

24th May, 1924.

St. George's Ball.

To put it "gutterally," "der Tag" was kept by us in a way that no one but the "Old and Bold" can do it, and our Ball, held in the Barras Bridge Assembly Rooms, proved itself a great success. This event of the year was attended by about 500 people, all bent on enjoying themselves to the full. After the Colours, under a Corporals' Guard, had duly been installed in a place of honour, our new Commanding Officer, Col. A. D. S. Rogers, together with the latest bride of the Mess, Mrs. Bulmer, wife of Sgt. Bulmer, lead off the Ball.

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Approaching 10 o'clock all our officers joined us and entered into the spirit of things in a manner that only a St. George's Dinner, and the wherewithal to wash it down, can produce.

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Amongst our guests were the following:—Col. Riddell, Col. G. R. B. Spain, Col. E. Temperley, Col. Stephenson (16th Batt. N.F.), Col. Rogers; Majors Anderson, Gordon (our late Adjutant), Wilkinson, Temperley; Capts. Bell, Clayton, Dawson, Parmeter; our Adjutant, Capt. Leese, and others too numerous to mention.

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The orchestra, under the able leadership of Mr. Sander, was everything that could be desired, and his corner man's antics and vocal efforts were an asset in every respect.

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At 11 p.m. the Colours were withdrawn and taken back to our Headquarters by Lieut. Challoner.

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Dancing continued till 2 a.m., and many seemed loth even then to cease; still all good times have an end, and our Ball is only a memory now, but one that will never fade from the minds of those who were present.

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The arrangements were in the hands of C.S.M. Hoggins, C.Q.M.S. Burn, C.Q.M.S. Goodall, C.Q.M.S. Nockels, Sgt. McEnaney, Sgt. Nevison, Sgt. Gray, Ex/C.S.M. Sharp. Pioneer Sgt. Wilson acted as Secretary. Our thanks and congratulations are due to the above committee, for we all know that such excellent results are not obtained without lots of hard work.

WEEK-END CAMPS. MUSKETRY.

Saturday and Sunday, the 10th and 11th May, found us at Ponteland firing our annual Musketry Course. For the greater part of the week the weather had been atrocious, and the very thoughts of a wet week-end at Ponteland seemed to give us all the hump. We were favoured by the "Gods," for the weather was A1 at Lloyd's on the Saturday, although not altogether ideal for shooting, owing to a cross wind. Sunday was better still, and the very sight of the sun gladdened everyone's heart.

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The shooting was real good, and the standard of efficiency maintained.

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Thanks to the Camp Mess Committee, we were well catered for, both in meat and drink, although the demand for the latter exceeded the supply, in spite of the fact that we had to borrow a half barrel from our old friend, " Drummy " Orange, the Corporals' Mess caterer. This was not due to lack of foresight of the Committee, for our good friends of the 5th Batt. were sharing our hut (owing to lack of accommodation), and, as may be expected, shared our " joys " too. The last bottle of " Baby Stout " meeting its end at the hands of the R.S.M. about noon on Sunday. This had been specially reserved for him, as a fitting reward, after a strenuous morning on the firing point. " Mac," our caterer, duly received the R.S.M.'s blessing for this kindly thought (perhaps his curses had been exhausted at the firing point).

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It's really wonderful how eloquently some of our members converse in German and French after a few " wets." The conversation on the Saturday night was quite continental, to say the least, even drowning at times the efforts of a " soldier " singing a sailor's song. During the lulls in the conversation, and while the soldier was thinking about what the sailor did next, one could hear wafts of conversation from another part of our hut. " Sixpence for one," " twist one," " Stick ! "—a short silence, during which time the breathing abates as laid down in " Musketry Regs.," and another voice says " I pay pontoon's only "—and so the night proceeds.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

23rd May, 1924.

The outstanding events of the past month have been the retiral of our first post-war Brigadier, the issue of the Battle Honours, and the strenuous life we have lately been leading as soldiers.

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Col. E. P. A. Riddell handed over the command of the 149th Brigade to Col. H. S. S. Morant on the 7th May. After having been Adjutant to this Battalion from 1908–11, and commanding the Brigade for one year in the field and for four years in peace, it was little wonder that he was all along wrapped up in its welfare. Those years will never be forgotten by us, nor will his work in re-establishing the Brigade, his wonderful abilities as an instructor, or his sincere admiration of the Territorial soldier be forgotten. We shall watch his future career with interest. At the same time we extend a hearty welcome to his successor.

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As regards the Battle Honours, we are indeed pleased and proud that St. Julien will be borne on the Colours of the FIFTH in honour of the part played by the Territorial Force Battalions in the war.

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What with efficiency drills, musketry, recruits' drills, Brigade and regimental tours, and week-end camps, we have been having a very strenuous time during the past month. As one officer remarked recently, he foresaw that he would have one week-end to himself till 12th July. Another remarked that his wife had threatened to order him to send in his papers as he was such a stranger, but as the officer in question is one of the keenest we do not imagine that our numbers will be depleted for some considerable time to come. Besides, rumour hath it that the said officer has gone in for mess dress.

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A company of 300 assembled at the Drill Hall, Amble, on Friday, 25th April, for the annual St. George's Day Ball of " C " Company. We are sure everyone must have been delighted with the night's enjoyment, for, with good music, plenty of partners for the ladies, and a capital supper, nothing was left unorganised to ensure the success of the function. Brizlee's Band from Alnwick provided a first-rate programme, and the Amble platoons were reinforced by the Chatton lads, who were the guests of the evening, and right welcome they were made too. Supper, served in the Miniature Range, was a triumph for Mrs. Cole and her assistants, and the former thoroughly deserved all the congratulations she received. The Ball Room, too, reflected great credit on Sgt.-Instr. P. Cole and the Committee, who with evergreens and roses had treated it with great taste. Dancing went on with zest till 4 a.m.

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Among the company present were Capt. Appleby, Lieut. Ledgerwood, and 2nd Lieut. Green, whom we welcome on first Gazette. The guests included Major Smail, Miss Hogarth, R.S.M. and Mrs. Rowsell, Miss Green, and Sgt. Dmr. Adamson.

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We had a capital beat-up at the Brigade week-end exercise at Ripon from May 2nd to 4th inclusive, Lt.-Col. Wright, Major Smail, Capts. Cowen, Watson, Appleby, Mackay, McCreath, Lieut. Dargie (Bde. Transport Officer), and the Adjutant, Major Chenevix Trench, making up our full quota. Fortunately we reconnoitered the training area very thoroughly on the Saturday, as the conditions were anything like May-like next day.

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On May 17th to 18th ten officers and 12 W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s assembled at the Star Hotel for the second regimental tour of the year. There was much disappointment that Lt.-Col. Wright was indisposed, and Major Smail assumed the duties of Director, with Major Chenevix Trench as Assistant-Director. Other officers present were Capts. Cowen, Watson, Appleby, McCreath, Lieuts. Grey Ledgerwood, Adlard, and Potts—the first five of whom were in charge of syndicates. Instructive schemes had been set on the Alnwick-Whittingham road, mainly in the vicinity of Broome Park, these including map reading, attack, defence, outposts, and co-operation. Unlike our first tour, the weather was perfect. Much keenness was displayed, and the tour was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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W.O.'s and Sergeants attending were :—C.S.M.'s Wardroper, Payne, and Purves ; Sgts. Tuck, Weatherley, Gibbinson, McIntyre, M.M., Redford, Smailes, Mace, Thompson and Taylor. C.Q.M.S.'s Stevenson, Adamson, Turnbull and Smith spent the day at Headquarters, being put through a course of Army accountancy by R.S.M. Rowsell, M.S.M., which should stand them in good stead at camp and thereafter.

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On Tuesday, 20th May, the Sergeants of the Berwick Detachment entertained the Officers and N.C.O.'s to a smoking concert in their mess. Sgt.-Instr. Loder presided over a company of about thirty. A very enjoyable evening was spent, there being sufficient " Talent " to have gone on till 2 a.m., instead of

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midnight. Refreshments were handed round at intervals. Contributors to the programme included Major Smail, Capt. McCreath, Sgt.-Instr. Loder, Sgt. O'Connor, Cpls. E. Weatherburn, Wakenshaw, McQueen, Lce.-Cpls. J. D. Patterson and R. Lee (late 2nd Battalion), Messrs. Short, Cooney, G. Weatherburn, A. Knox and C. Renwick. Capt. Mackay thanked the sergeants for entertaining the rest of the company just prior to the officers leaving.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
May, 1924.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921.

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The new address of the Head Quarters of the Old Comrades' Association, London Branch, 5th Fusiliers is:

The Veterans' Club,
Hand Court,
Holborn, E.C.

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WAR OFFICE,
May, 1924.

The following list of Battle Honours awarded for the Great War has been issued by the War Office. The awards are as follows, those which have been selected to be borne on Colours or Appointments being printed in capitals:—

THE NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

52 Battalions.

"MONS," "Le Cateau," "Retreat from Mons," "MARNE, 1914," "Aisne, 1914, '18," "La Bassée, 1914," "Messines, 1914, '17, '18," "YPRES, 1914, '15, '17, '18," "Gravenstafel," "ST. JULIEN," "Frezenberg," "Bellewaarde," "Loos," "SOMME, 1916, '18," "Albert, 1916, '18," "Bazentin," "Delville Wood," "Flers-Courcelette," "Morval," "Thiepval," "Le Transloy," "Ancre, 1916," "Arras, 1917, '18," "SCARPE, 1917, '18," "Arleux," "Pilokem," "Langemarck, 1917," "Menin Road," "Broodseinde," "Passchendaele," "Cambrai, 1917," "St. Quentin," "Bapaume, 1918," "Rosières," "Lys," "Estaires," "Hazebrouck," "Bailleul," "Kemmel," "Scherpenberg," "Drocourt-Quéant," "Hindenburg Line," "Épéhy," "Canal du Nord," "Beaurevoir," "Courtrai," "SELLE," "Valenciennes," "Sambre," "France and Flanders, 1914–18," "PIAVE," "Vittorio Veneto," "Italy, 1917–18," "STRUMA," "Macedonia, 1915–18," "SUVLA," "Landing at Suvla," "Scimitar Hill," "Gallipoli, 1915," "Egypt, 1916–17."

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Regimental Sergeant-Major J. Fraser, late Northumberland Fusiliers, Yeoman Warder of the Tower, has been awarded the medal (without annuity) for meritorious service.

The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Mrs. Adamson (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. A. Armstrong (2nd Batt.)
Lieut. J. I. Atkinson
Miss Blakeway (2nd Batt.)
Mr. N. Borisown
Pte. L. H. Ferrett
Maj.-Gen. F. L. Festing, C.M.G.
Mrs. Gibson (2nd Batt.)
2nd-Lieut. W. Harvey
Mrs. N. Henrose
Mrs. Holland (2nd Batt.)
Miss F. H. Johnston
Mr. P. Lancell (2nd Batt.)
Miss M. Latimer (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. McCulloch (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. S. Ouzman (2nd Batt.)
Col. Pedley
Mrs. J. Stephenson (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. Walden (2nd Batt.)
Nurse Wasse (2nd Batt.)
Miss M. Weatherson (2nd Batt.)

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Subscriptions due in June:—

Sgts.' Mess, Prudhoe Coy., 4th Bn. Major H. R. Smail.

WEARING OF ORDERS AND DECORATIONS.

An Army Order, on the regulations as to the wearing of orders, decorations, and medals, provides that at evening parties and dinners, when any of the following members of the Royal Family are present, riband and badge, stars, miniature decorations, and medals will be worn:—

"Their Majesties the King and Queen, Queen Alexandra; Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince Henry, Prince George, Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles, the Princess Royal, Princess Victoria, the Duke of Connaught, Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, Princess Beatrice, Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught, Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone."

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (FIGHTING FIFTH) OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

LONDON AREA.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1924.

The celebrations in connection with St. George's Day were marked both by solemnity and jollification as befitted the occasion.

On Sunday, the 20th April, being the nearest Sunday to St. George's Day, the members paraded on The Horse Guards' Parade at 11.30 a.m., Brigadier-General W. H. Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O., inspected the parade and was followed by many old Officers of the FIFTH. Instead of the old times "Attention and Slope Arms" cheery remarks and conversation were exchanged between Senior Officers and their Comrades in the Ranks. Many sons and daughters of the Regiment graced the parade with their presence, and the wearing of the Red and White Roses added brightness to the proceedings and caused a deal of wonderment amongst the large numbers of observers.

The company, headed by Brigadier-General W. H. Sitwell bearing a wreath of Red and White Roses with suitable inscriptions, then marched to the Cenotaph, on which the wreath was placed as a token to the memory of departed comrades.

By the kind permission of the Commandant Corps of Commissionaires the party afterwards adjourned to the Head Quarters, 419, Strand, where new members were enrolled and Red and White Roses issued to those not already in possession of them, and refreshments were partaken of.

Number present at Cenotaph ceremony, 156. Ten officers, including Brigadier-General W. H. Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O., Colonels H. W. Bidduph, W. E. Sturges, D. Sapte, A. Landen, D.S.O., Major R. H. Isacke,

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Also three veterans of the Regiment who are resident at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, Brydon, Chips Harvey and Palmer.

St. George's Day was celebrated under more auspicious circumstances, a large company numbering about 200 gathered at the Veterans' Club, Hand Court, Holborn, W.C., where a Concert and Carnival Dance took place, several artistes, friends of our members volunteered their services thereby contributing towards the harmony until 9 p.m., after 9 p.m. a Dance took place.

The whole of the arrangements reflects the greatest credit to our worthy Secretary and Committee, who had the matter in hand.

During the evening, Colonel D. Sapte, who had occupied the chair, presented to Mr. A. G. Edwards a silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed, on behalf of the members of the Association in recognition of his efforts in bringing together a number of his Old Comrades who eventually became the first members of the Association.

Our President, Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, spoke a few encouraging words respecting the progress of the Association since its formation 12 months ago and also of the efforts which had been made to achieve our primary object, that of assisting some of our comrades who, through no fault of their own were in straitened circumstances. He further urged that every Fifth Fusilier, who is resident within the London Area, and there must be 1,000, should make it his business to join the Association, and that the Secretary, Mr. H. T. Morgan, should take the names of any of the FIFTH who were known to our comrades, who are already members and get in touch with them immediately, thereby increasing our numbers, so that we can expand our activities. Any of the FIFTH who, upon discharge or transfer to the Army Reserve would be welcome amongst us.

THE FIFTH FUSILIERS' WREATH ON THE CENOTAPH.

We were very pleased to have amongst us Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C. Several other Officers looked in during the evening.

The playing of the Regimental March Past and Auld Lang Syne brought the proceedings to a close, every one present having spent a right enjoyable evening. Our membership is now: Officers, 37; Other Ranks, 135; Lady Members, 28.

Two of the last joined are Capt. A. Wood, and Master Tailor F. W. H. Maunder, the latter has recently left the 1st Battalion time-expired.

Last Dance of the Season is to be held on Friday, 16th.

The hall was most suitably decorated, in fact our worthy Secretary of the Entertainment Committee, Mr. A. E. Bosten, even succeeded in getting some Gosling Green streamers and paper decorations. In addition, the Regimental Honours, which had been hand-painted by Mr. P. Maydon, one of our hard-working energetic committee, were hung around the balcony. Each honour being shown separately. Our honours for the Great War are of course, not yet to hand.

We welcome amongst our latest joined members, Mr. F. W. H. Maunder, late Master Tailor to 1st Battalion at Cologne, together with Mrs. F. W. H. Maunder.

H. I. MORGAN, Hon. Sec.

PIPERS AND FIFERS OF THE 18TH CENTURY (NEWCASTLE) MILITIA.

William Cant was born in the year of Grace 1751, the exact locality not being recorded, but that it was situated in Northumberland there is not much doubt.

He was early placed as a pupil to that famous exponent of the Northumberland pipes, "old William Lamshaw," of Morpeth, to be instructed in the art and technique of music.

In or about the year 1780, young Cant enlisted, in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, as a piper to the Northumberland Regiment of Militia; and, according to Thomas Bewick, the eminent wood-engraver, "he kept up with great spirit and effect this department of their music while he remained in the Regiment."

He was a most excellent performer on the violin and the Northumberland Pipes (all five types), and, like his great predecessors on the latter instrument—Turnbull, Gilley, Old Lamshaw, and Peacock—"he kept up the ancient tunes with all their charming lilts and pauses, unspoiled by the *modern improvers* of music with their 'idiot notes impertinently long.'"

He played "his native wood-notes wild," such as stirred the blood of our ancestors at Otterburn, Hedgley Moor, Flodden Field and Culloden Moor.

> "Whene'er his pipes did silence break,
> You'd thought the instrument would speak."

William Cant, upon retiring from the Regiment, became the landlord of the Blue Bell Inn, at the head of the Side, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Here he took over the more peaceful roll of Mine Host, in place of that of the soldier, and dispensed hospitality in the true Northumbrian manner.

He was always ready to help with advice and instruction those who sought information of him, as to the performance of his art, and never failed to charm the ear of those who listened to his playing. He was generally respected for the suavity of his manners and the cheerfulness of his disposition. He died at the ripe old age of 70 years.

The *Newcastle Chronicle* of 21st July, 1821, recording his death, says:—

> "Sunday morning.—Aged 70.—Mr. William Cant, of the Blue Bell, at the head of the Side, in Newcastle. Mr. C. was formerly a piper in the Northumberland Militia, and was unequalled in the performance of the

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Old Border Music upon the pipes and violin, indeed it is very much feared that many of the most excellent Northumberland airs died with him. He was uncle to the present pipers of the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland.

"No man was more generally esteemed in his situation in life, and he died respected by all who knew him."

Nor was the Regiment behind in the other departments of music; for it was allowed by judges that their fifers and drummers were inferior to none in the Kingdom.

A famous contemporary of Cant's in the Northumberland Militia was John Bowman, a fifer. It was asserted locally that "he was the best performer on the fife that was known in the world." Certain it is that for twenty-two years he consistently called the fifers of every regiment stationed in Newcastle to a trial of skill on that instrument, but none of them could compete with him. He could draw tones from it, the most soft and graceful, as well as the most stunning and loud, such as the ear could not endure in a room and which were only fit to be heard in the open air.

Another famous piper and Northumberland Militiaman, but of a generation later, was William Lamshaw, grandson of the celebrated William Lamshaw before mentioned. He, too, was a famed performer on the Northumberland pipes. He was placed in the band of the Northumberland Regiment of Militia at the early age of 12 years, and when only 17 years old he played a match against the most famed pipers in the North of England, at Elsdon, before the Duke's Baronial Court and some distinguished judges, and bore away the prize.

Lamshaw had also the additional honour of being Her Grace the Duchess of Northumberland's own piper, in succession to his grandfather, old William Lamshaw.

This extraordinary performer on the Northumberland large pipes, Northumberland half-long pipes, and the small pipes, died in Toll Street, North Shields, on the 13th January, 1806, of consumption.

It is said that, had he been spared, it was the intention of the Earl Percy of that date to have introduced him to the theatres of the Metropolis, when without doubt his fame would have been as great as that of his grandfather.

This, however, was not to be, as death claimed him at the early age of 25, thus robbing the Northumberland Regiment of Militia of one of its most famous pipers.

R. N. Appleby Miller, F.L.A.,
Lieut., 6th Northd. Fusiliers (T.A.R.).

SOLDIER ANECDOTES.

THE WATER TEST.

Private Macarthy, the regimental barber, was well known for his carelessness. One day while shaving Pat Doolan, he had the misfortune to cut his cheek several times. Pat took all these gashes in silence, but when the shave was over he gravely walked over to his water-bottle, filled it, and then took a mouthful and, with lightly-compressed lips, proceeded to shake his head from side to side. "What's the matter," demanded the barber, "you ain't got toothache, have you?" "Toothache, be jabers!" said Pat. "No! I was only after trying if my mouth would hold water without leaking!"

AMERICAN HUMOUR.

A SLEEPY SERMON.

"What was the text of the sermon to-day?"
"He giveth His beloved sleep."
"Who was there?"
"All the beloved apparently."

A "FINE" PLACE.

"Your courthouse is a fine building," said the stranger.

"I should say it is," said Tope. "I were fined $40 there myself once."

RATHER VAGUE.

Maude: "What a beautiful new gown Helen is wearing! Says it's imported, doesn't she?"

Marie: "Not exactly in those words. It's her last season's dress. The dressmaker has turned it inside out, and now she says it's from the other side."

A USELESS PROCEEDING.

"Father," said the small boy, "what's an investigation?"

"An investigation, my son, is usually an effort to locate the responsibility of a disaster after it's too late to make any difference."

HOW TO GET ON.

"What is the secret of success?" asked the Sphinx.
"Push," said the electric bell.
"Take pains," said the window.
"Always keep cool," said the ice.
"Be up to date," said the calendar.
"Never lose your head," said the barrel.
"Make light of everything," said the fire.
"Do a driving business," said the hammer.
"Aspire to greater things," said the nut-meg.
"Find a good thing and stick to it," said the glue.

A FEW CUTTINGS.

Civiiization is just a slow process of getting rid of our prejudices.

Having noted all that the prophets say, we have concluded that we are entering upon a severe, mild, dry, and wet winter.

The Chicago professor who tells his pupils not to study or smoke just before retiring is entitled to believe his advice will be heeded in part.

Whipping-posts for offending motorists are advocated by a Western district attorney. Why not sentence 'em to thirty days as pedestrians?

The law of supply and demand doesn't always obtain. Look how many reformers we have and how little reform.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. A. P. Garnier, M.B.E., M.C., is secd. for service on the Staff (dated 1st May).

Lieut. W. N. C. Crawhall to be Adjutant, *vice* Capt. E. E. Dorman-Smith, M.C. (dated 12th June).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

North. Fusrs.—Lieut. D. A. H. Dixon, from Res. of Off. Gen. List, to be Lieut., with seniority (dated 17th May, 1921).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,

June, 1924.

It needs but a glance through the 1st Battalion notes of the last two years to see what an important part the weather has played in our history. No notes from the Rhine would be complete without reference to the climatic conditions. This month we have still further remarks to make about the weather, most of them are unprintable.

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We moved from Wahn to Leidenhausen on the 12th, and here we are, "floating" out a miserable existence. Ten minutes after we left our huts it started to rain. Five minutes later the Battalion was soaked, and is still so soaked. This is only materially speaking—our spirits remain entirely water-proof and quite "undampable."

Dear reader, would that you had been with us to witness a German Fire Brigade at work! One day, as we sat at lunch, a great thunder storm came upon us (greater than all the others). The lightning did all manner of things. Some state that the concrete path outside the Mess burst into a mass of flame, and it was only extinguished by an opportune cloud-burst. Be that as it may, it was not long before the fire alarm had sounded, and the Battalion was busy trying to save an old barn near the camp, which had been struck.

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The hose was ready for the water in the twinkling of an eye. Two stalwarts, hollow-eyed and with eager faces, clung to the end of the hose. About half an hour later distinct signs of water were visible dripping on the boots of the aforementioned stalwarts. Oh, the excitement of the thing!

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Then the German Fire Brigade arrived. A finer manifestation of that inborn discipline and efficiency, which is the national pride, was never witnessed. First the fire engine, drawn by a horse who in his prime had certainly taken part in the Franco-Prussian War (and been severely wounded); the rest of the brigade arrived a little later, greeted by the cheers of the spectators. He was an old man, but a good cyclist. By the time he had recovered his breath and mended a puncture, the fire was out. We returned to camp in a merry mood.

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The Battalion is firing the annual Range Courses. It is calculated if rapid fire is maintained from Reveille to Reveille, if no meals are eaten, and if no rifle or Lewis gun gets a jam, we will finish in our allotted time with two and a half minutes to spare. It is an anxious time.

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Incidentally and *mirabile dictu*, the classification of Table "R" has been completed, and the Company averages are a great improvement on last year's; and last year we fired, comparatively speaking, at leisurely ease (members of the 1st Batt. now at the Depôt, please note).

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On the 30th May, the Secretary of State for War reviewed the Rhine Army. The Battalion acquitted itself well. In the afternoon the Secretary of State for War and the Adjutant General visited our camp at Wahn. They were pleased with all they saw. This was the last Official function which our Commander-in-Chief, General Sir Alen. Godley, attended. In his going we lose a staunch friend of the Regiment.

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Mr. Beckwith has been in England throwing his weight about. He has earned himself and the Regiment no little honour by his performances in the Army Championships and the A.A.A. meetings. Our congratulations and good wishes accompany him to Paris.

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Captain Rushbrooke has paid us a visit in camp, and we are glad to say he is now fit enough to go on two months' leave to England.

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Congratulations to Captain and Mrs. Arkwright on the birth of a son.

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Captain Dorman-Smith has left to attend a course at Hythe. He takes up his appointment at the Royal Military College,

Sandhurst, in September. The Battalion will miss him in many ways.

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It is common knowledge that it is he who for the last three years has been the author of the 1st Battalion Notes in *St. George's Gazette*. His agile brain, vivid imagination and clever English, have set a high literary standard.

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Judge not this month's notes too harshly.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

June, 1924.

At last (and not before time) we are justified in chanting with all our young voices :—

"Sumer is i cumen in,
Lhude sing soylder in Butts and
Also on the Firing Point."

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Yes, in company with the "cuckoo" we rise at dawn, and in company with the "cooker" we proceed to the range.

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Whether the "cooker" or the cuckoo sing the louder, we are not at liberty to say.

Most probably if the Master Cook were asked, he would say : "It's all a question of rissoles—m-m-m—yes!"

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In short, we have arrived at Leidenhausen to fire the annual Musketry Course.

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On the way we were overtaken by a storm ; on arrival we were greeted with the fact that the camp was flooded ; and to cap it all, whilst in the midst of wringing our clothes (and hands), a useful slice of forked lightning fired a barn scarcely twenty yards away from the Mess.

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So you see, dear Editor, our advent to Mons Camp, Leidenhausen, was exciting, to say the least.

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We often wonder if at any time such excitement prevails at Preston Crowmarsh!

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However—

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Regarding the fire mentioned above, despite the seriousness of the affair, the fire brigade (very rural) and their appliances (awfully rural) caused much merriment.

OUR CARICATURE CORNER
FAVORITE MOUTHFUL:-
"WHY THE 'BRIMSTONE AND TREACLE' CA'NT YOU 'IT THE 'CASABIANCA' TARGET"
No 4. C.S.M. GUTTRIDGE (CHARLIE)
(Complete with Neck, Shoulder, and "EX" LANYARD)

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During the proceedings, the contributor chatted freely with the lance-corporal in charge.

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We were thus able to learn the Rules and Regulations of the Urbach Fire Scramblers.

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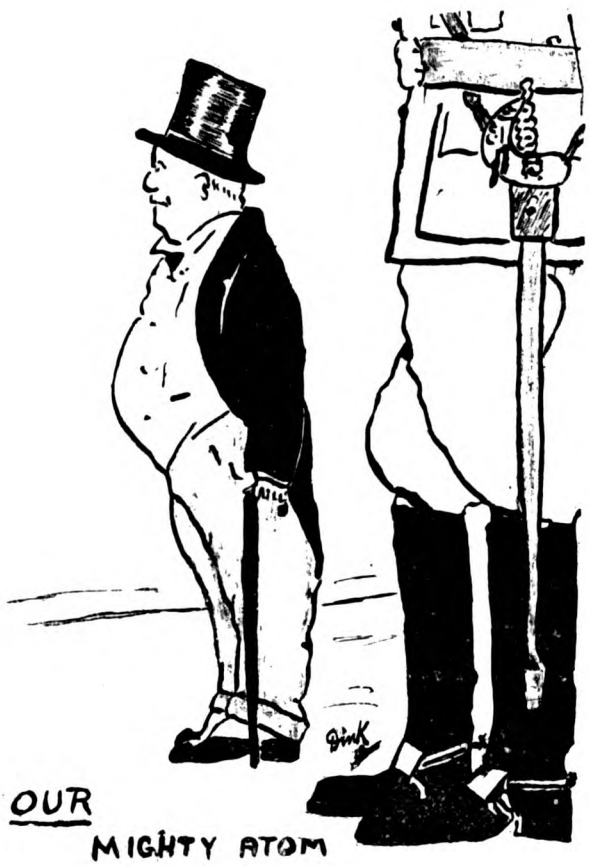
Amongst these were the following :—

Rule 1.—A member desiring to be excused duty at a fire must give at least 48 hours' notice.

Rule 9.—Not more than 8 men are to be allowed to ride on the fire engine at a time.

Rule 25.—Any member found pumping water which exceeds



one gallon per minute will be punished. (Minimum punishment =one new pair of trousers).

Rule 46.—When indenting for the Brigade, care should be taken to send the correct number of horses (normally one) to draw the engine to the scene of the fire. Etc., etc.

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Our congratulations are extended to C.S.M. (Nobby) Clarke on his promotion to Warrant Officer, Class II.

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(We now understand why the pantaloons were not purchased, and also why he didn't wish to dig his spurs into any of his steeds).

We were disappointed in the fact that we counted upon a Rodeo entertainment from him.

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Good luck and prosperity to him from us all.

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We welcome to our midst Lance-Sergeant Croft, on appointment.

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"NUTS FROM THE BUTTS."

1. (16 : 6 : 24.)

Officer at telephone : "The last shot on G1 was a magpie on G2."

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2. (20 : 6 : ?)

Sergeant, checking target at 6.45 a.m., and thinking, watching and waiting for his breakfast (absent-mindedly) : "Two rashers, one egg and a sausage, sir ! ! "

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Our thanks are due to the Sergeants, 2nd Batt. Cameron Highlanders, for kindly inviting us to their Battalion games. Those of us who were able to attend were given a very hearty welcome.

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Our Mess here is very comfortable, and we manage to jog along "thro' all the changing scenes" quite merrily.

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Our next notes, we hope, will be written from the cosy precincts of barracks.

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We hope then to have a table to write on, instead of the floor.

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We notice the following from a contemporary—(N.B., all for the want of a hyphen) :—

> "A man, eating tiger, in Africa, is said to have killed and consumed 12 negroes within a fortnight."

A glutton, we presume !

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NOTICE.

If the N.C.O. who left his rifle outside a hut, and then told a junior to "find out whose rifle it was, and take the man's name," will communicate with "The Manual on the Care of Arms," he will learn something to his advantage. Another "grievous" occupation.

A.H.M.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

LEIDENHAUSEN CAMP,

June, 1924.

This month's classical quotation :—"But me no Butts."

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Since we last committed ourselves to paper we have again changed our address. This is mainly due to the fact that we needed a change of weather. That obtaining at Wahn was deemed too monotonous, and so we changed our quarters from huts to tents, and besides being nearly drowned on the way,

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were seriously threatened with floods during our first few days' tenure.

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And speaking of the elements, the foregathering of earth, air and water was further enlivened by a genuine fire, occasioned, as some still maintain, by the falling of a thunderbolt on a barn close to the Sergeants' Mess.

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The members of the latter turned out with astonishing alacrity; but it was left to one of our own folk to provide the real thrill of the entertainment—at the end of a hose. At all events, he found the water without any difficulty. O.C. Swimming Team please note.

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We are glad to notice that the spread of culture is extending beyond our own walls. An overseer was heard to remark that "if this —— language didn't —— well cease in the —— hut, there'd be —— trouble."

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Rob the Robber has gone to "buy the brain shack" at Shorncliffe. Those who know the ropes will expect him to come back full of "Poyntz."

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Who was it who fancied that he overheard a conversation relating to himself and M. Coué one night, and why were the two well-known brands of beer termed "Patsy" and "Chokra" by the School afterwards?

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Meanwhile Honest John reports that cheese remains steady at 90 per cent. under proof.

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The mosquitoes have been giving some of us a foretaste of the joys to come when we get East of Suez. The philosophical greeted the insects as old acquaintances, whilst the less sophisticated employed volcanic language—especially the quaturalists.

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One of our Elders and Betters was considerably shocked one day when he enquired the score upon a certain target. The reply was "Two blacks, two greens and a yellow, sir."

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Here in Leidenhausen we do not have a Mess to ourselves—we share it with our "friends from over the Border." And very jovial and accommodating companions they prove to be. Vile plots are being hatched with regard to reciprocity in marking during classification, which, on application, will probably come to nought.

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We trust that our readers will accord us some mead of praise for having got so far in our monthly notes without a reference to Wembley. Like the tares in the field of wheat, however, it is bound to crop up sometime. We are only sorry that our champion bronk-subduer got so wet lately, that he felt it quite impossible to enter the lists against representatives of a nation that has ostensibly gone "dry."

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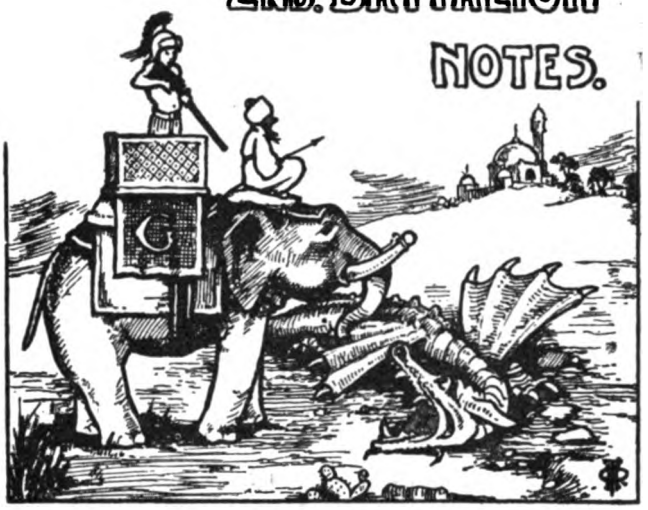
To end, as we began, with a classical quotation :—

"There's no place like Home."

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



20th May, 1924.

Two days after the despatch of our last notes, the first move of the season to the hills took place; when H.Q. and 100 men of "A" Company, 50 men of "B" Company, 50 of "D" Company, and details of H.Q. wing, with most of the families under Major Ovans, entrained at Fyzabad at 8 a.m., on 19th April, leaving the Band to follow a week later, after St. George's Day.

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An account of the Inter-Company Boxing Tournament, which was held on 8th, 9th, and 10th April, is included in this month's, being received too late for last month's notes.

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For some time a leopard has been reported on the manjha, a large stretch of waste land between the Cantonment and the Gogra river, and recently it attacked and mauled a native.

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On 20th April, a large beat was organised for its destruction, Mr. Donaldson, I.C.S., kindly arranging to collect 2 elephants

Photo by] [*Dmr. H. Toulouse.*

THE ADJUTANT AND N.C.O.'S OF THE "DRUMS," 2/5 FUSILIERS, INDIA, 1924.

Left to right: LCE.-CPL. N. APPLEYARD, LCE.-CPL. H. HOLDSWORTH, DRUM-MAJ. A. BRACE, LIEUT. H. C. INGLEDEW, CPL. F. GELDART, LCE.-CPL. E. HORNSBY.

and some 70–80 beaters, and some dozen rifles were collected from ourselves and 1/9th Jats.

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After rendezvous at the Officers' Mess, we started out at 9.45 a.m. on a rather hot morning, luckily tempered by a

2ND BN. FIFTH FUSILIERS—BN. FOOTBALL TEAM, 1923–24.

Standing: FUS. WHITELOCK, CPL. WALKER, LCE.-CPL. EASOM, LCE.-CPL. PALMER, FUS. JENNINGS.

Sitting: FUS. BURNS, FUS. BROOKS, SGT. GREEN.

On ground: LCE.-CPL. CROSS, SGT. BOWKER (CAPT.), CPL. YOUNG.

good breeze. Two long beats were taken, but although a fair number of wild boar and swamp deer were turned out, nothing was seen of the leopard, and a hot and excessively thirsty party got back about 2.30 p.m.

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Major Foster's yacht, the *Bulbul*, has now been launched, but her engines still leave a good deal to be desired, though she sails well in a breeze.

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St. George's Day, on 23rd April, was celebrated in the usual manner, and a large number of guests of all ranks assembled

2ND BN. FIFTH FUSILIERS—BN. HOCKEY TEAM, 1923–24.

Top Row.—Standing: LCE.-CPL. APPLEYARD, FUS. MITCHELL, LCE.-CPL. CROSS, FUS. HAYES.

Sitting: FUS. ALLEN, LIEUT. PRINGLE, LIEUT. COOPER, LCE.-CPL. DALEY, CPL. GELDART, LCE.-CPL. RUSSELL.

On ground: FUS. ROGERS, FUS. SIMPSON.

to watch the trooping of the Colours. The parade was taken by Major Foster, with Capt. Hogshaw in command of No 1. Company, Lieut. Cooper of No. 2 Company. Lieuts. Earle and Tarleton carried the Colours, and Boy Hare the Drummers' Colour.

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Festivities were less than usual, the Sergeants and Corporals' dances having taken place at the end of March, before the departure of the first party for the hills, which left here on 19th April.

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The Band left for the hills on 27th, under Lieut. Martin.

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" B " Company is at present undergoing the annual musketry course, and " D " follow on 16th May.

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The Gunners have restarted pig-sticking at Fyzabad: the second day out proved rather a disastrous one, a big boar laying out Lieut. Read, of the Gunners, Mr. Donaldson, I.C.S., and Mr. Rivett-Carnac, Superintendant of Police, Gonda—the last with serious injuries to his back, but we are glad to say he is going on well. The boar got off scot free! None of us have

Photo by] [*Dmr. H. Toulouse.*

" DRUMS."—WINNERS INTER-PLATOON KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION, 1924.

Top Row.—Left to right: DMR. W. HUGHES, DMR. W. MIDGLEY, DMR. G. THOMPSON.

Second row: DMR. I. DAVIS, LCE.-CPL. N. APPLEYARD, DMR. J. HORNER.

Sitting: DMR. A. ANDREWS, SGT.-DMR. A. BRACE, LIEUT. H. C. INGLEDEW, DMR. A. DRESSER, CPL. F. GELDART, LCE.-CPL. H. HOLDSWORTH.

been out so far, the country being heavy and ill-suited to polo ponies, and of pig stickers we have none.

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On the 12th of May, a hockey match was played between Officers of the Garrison *v.* The Rest.

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We provided five for the Officers and seven for The Rest team, result being a win for The Rest, by 2—1.

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The Fyzabad shooting season, except for odd parties out after *nilgai*, is now over.

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The bag for season 1923–24 is as follows:—

Duck	Teal	Snipe	Quail	Pigeons	Peafowl	Crocodile	Fish	Various	Total
370	78	35	19	10	3	1	6	5	527

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THE INTER-COMPANY BOXING.

By "Tallfeller."

The Inter-Company Boxing, held on the 8th, 9th, and 10th April, was a brilliant success from all points of view, and pro-

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"A" COY. FOOTBALL TEAM.

WINNERS INTER-COY. FOOTBALL LEAGUE, 1923–24.

duced some of the best contests which we have been privileged to witness for many a long day. Most of the seven weights were filled by all Companies, though unfortunately several of the Regimental boxers, principally in "B" Company, were turned down owing to over-weight in their particular class.

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One saw in Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, Fus. Ancliffe, Jacobs and Boy Martin, promising talent who have only made their debut this season.

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The recognised Battalion champions—Fus. Whitelock, Lce.-Cpl. Butler, Lce.-Cpl. Stirling, Cpl. Moran, Fus. Anderson and Fus. Gray, who have represented the Battalion in many meetings all over the country—were again to the fore, and succeeded in carrying off most of the weights.

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The Hart Cup for the past year was awarded to Fus. Whitelock, who has fought so consistently well for the Regiment and is a deserving recipient. Fus. Hosker, the previous year's Hart Cup winner, was unable to box at this meeting, owing to injuries received in the Area Tournament at Lucknow. His weight this year was carried off by Fus. Milburn of "A" Company in a very close fight in the final with Boy Martin of "H.Q." Coy.

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The meeting was largely attended on all three nights. To Major Hume-Wright of the 11th/7th Rajputs, who so kindly refereed, and to Lieut. Martin and Col.-Sgt. Brocklesby, judges, much of the success of the meeting was due. Their decisions were always well received, and Major Hume-Wright was deservedly applauded at the close for his excellent and tactful handling of the fights.

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Eighteen contests were fought on the first night.

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The first six fights were all of very short duration, and obtained with a knock-out blow. One of the best contests was between Fus. Cunningham of "D" Coy. and Fus. Turnbull of "H.Q." Coy. It was a terrific fight whilst it lasted, severe punishment being administered by both contestants. Cunningham fought with great style, and after a series of heavy body blows Turnbull threw in, in the second round.

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Fus. Whitelock, "B" Coy., and Fus. Bishop, "C" Coy., met again in the middles—this time in the first series. One remembers that the pair met in the final last year, when Whitelock won.

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Bishop put up a plucky fight again this time, but lacked the experience. He dropped in the second round, through sheer exhaustion, after receiving punishment right from the beginning.

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Fus. Walden, "A" Coy., and Lce.-Cpl. Fairley, "C" Coy., discarded the finer arts for lively fighting—a hammer and tongs contest, awarded to Fus. Walden on points.

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The fight between A/Dmr. Crispin, "D" Coy., and Fus. Johnson, "B" Coy., also went the full distance. There was little to choose between the contestants—Crispin was awarded the fight.

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Fus. Salisbury, "D" Coy., fought very finely against Fus. Carter of "B" Coy., although giving away weight. His half-arm body blows wore his opponent down considerably before the close, and he was a deserving winner on points.

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There was little to choose between Fus. Cross, "D" Coy., and Fus. Cassidy, "A" Coy., though Cross got the verdict.

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Lce.-Cpl. Butler boxed neatly against O'Rourke of "B" Coy. He got in several hard rights and, by closing in repeatedly,

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"C" COY. CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM.

WINNERS OF INTER-COY. CROSS-COUNTRY RUN, 1923–24.

saved himself punishment. One saw here experience pitted against the amateur.

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Seventeen fights were got through on the second night, which produced the finest boxing of the Tournament.

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In the second series of the Welter-Weights, Smith, " D "

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" C " COY. BOXING TEAM.

WINNERS OF INTER-COY. BOXING TOURNAMENT, 1923–24.

Coy., and Turner, " A " Coy., were both disposed of in the first round, though Turner appeared to be giving away weight.

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Hedley of " C " Coy. beat Farley of " A " Coy. ; and Cunningham of " D " Coy. and Lce.-Cpl. Hornsby of " H.Q." Coy. treated the audience to another rousing fight, which was full of hard hitting, and went the full three rounds.

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In the second series Catch-Weights we saw a great fight between Fus. Beck, " C " Coy., and Fus. Salisbury, " D " Coy. There was considerable difference in size and weight in favour of Beck. No quarter was given or asked for on either side. Salisbury avoided some terrific swings by clever foot and head work. Beck obtained the lead in the first round, and although Salisbury tore in to fight at close quarters and pile on the points in the second and third round, the fight was given against him. It was a near thing and a spirited contest.

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Our veteran Sgt. Higgins, " A " Coy., delighted his admirers with his victory over Lce.-Cpl. Head, a much younger, heavier, and stronger man. Higgins' experience stood him in good stead and brought him out the winner.

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Boy Martin scored a well-earned victory over Fus. McMullen of " D " Coy. McMullen was much fancied for his weight. Martin had the worst of the opening round, but with typical tenacity fought his opponent around the ring, and landed on the jaw to see McMullen take the count.

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Fus. Ancliffe of " D " Coy. won his semi-final with the cleanest and neatest knock-out of the night—a beautiful right swing to the jaw, which landed clean and put his opponent down and out for several hours.

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Anderson of " A " Coy. and Burke of " C " Coy. fought a ding-dong struggle in the other semi-final of the Bantams. Anderson gained at in-fighting, but towards the close he obviously tired, and Burke kept him off to pile on points with his left. The points were very close at the finish. Anderson got the award.

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Lce.-Cpl. Butler took a nasty right in the first round of his fight with Fus. Cross, " D " Coy., in the semi-final of the Lights. His opponent was not persistent enough, however, and Butler survived the round to turn the tables and knock-out his man in the second round.

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Lce.-Cpl. Stirling, " C " Coy., won easily from Fus. Farley in the first round ; whilst the last fight of the evening, between Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, " B " Coy., and Fus Cunningham, " D " Coy., who had had a hard fight earlier in the evening, was undoubtedly the best thing of the whole tournament. Cunningham, last year's Welter-Weight winner, always a neat boxer and terrific hitter, received a nasty right to the jaw in the first round. Though obviously stunned, he fought on throughout the succeeding rounds, receiving and giving terrible punishment. He lost his fight on points after being down on six occasions.

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There was some capital fighting again on the third night. In the semi-finals of the Feathers two fine contests were witnessed. Cpl. Walker, " A " Coy., showed superior boxing to Fus. Bird of " D " Coy. He fought stylishly throughout, and scored fast with both hands. He was an easy winner on points.

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Cpl. Moran and Fus. Jacobs, both of " C " Coy., fought like real antagonists in their semi-final. Jacobs took a lot of punishment in the first round, but fought gamely, carrying the fight to his opponent in the last round. Experience saved Moran, who won a close contest.

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Fus. Whitelock disposed of Fus. Grimston, " D " Coy., in the first round of the semi-final Middle-Weights.

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The contest between A/Dmr. Crispin, " D " Coy., and Fus.

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" C " COY. TUG-OF-WAR TEAM.

Walden, " A " Coy., was a much more severe affair—a stand-up fight, blow for blow, which ended in the second round, when

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Walden, who had withstood several rights to the head, was knocked out with an upper-cut.

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The contest between Fus. Gray and Sgt. Higgins, in the semi-final of the Catch-Weights, left Higgins a game loser. Handicapped in weight and height, Higgins received innumerable blows to the head. He was down altogether five times before being counted out in the second round. A plucky loser, who, with his age, cannot afford to give away weight to the extent of two stones.

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A special four rounds contest was put on mid-way through the programme. Both contestants, Lce.-Cpl. Palmer, " D " Coy., and Fus. Murphy, " B " Coy., were turned down from the Welter-Weight class because of over-weight. One deplored their loss to the Companies, for they put up an excellent show, with Palmer a good winner on points.

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The Finals were all contested after the Interval.

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Fus. Milburn of " A " Coy. and Boy Martin of " H.Q." fought the full three rounds. Martin was much smaller and lighter, yet he fought a typical fight, always mixing it with his opponent. He was handicapped in reach, and Milburn with a vicious right made most points to win.

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Fus. Anderson of " W " Coy., last year's Bantam-Weight champion, and Fus. Ancliffe, " D " Coy., provided a neat contest. Ancliffe had disposed of all his opponents so far in very quick time by a right swing knock-out. He missed with the same blow very narrowly in the first round against Anderson. Anderson gained points at in-fighting, whilst his opponent was content to stand up and box. Anderson's ring craft enabled him to keep clear of anything heavy, and he won on points. Ancliffe showed excellent promise.

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The Welter-Weight final necessitated an extra round before it was closed. Lce.-Cpl. Stirling, " C " Coy., found Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, " B " Coy., a persistent opponent who, despite receiving a lot of punishment, came on again and again to wear down his man. In the extra round Stirling had obviously tired, and Catterick still coming on to force the fighting won on points. A hard hitting contest.

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Cpl. Moran of " C " Coy. had a walk-over in the final of the Feather-Weights, as Cpl. Walker, who had injured his hand in the fight against Bird of " D " Coy., had to cry off.

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The Middle-Weight final left Fus. Whitelock an easy winner against A/Dmr. Crispin, " D " Coy., who was knocked out with a body punch in the second round.

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Gray of H.Q. and Hayton of " A " Coy. wound up the meeting with a lively hard-hitting contest. Grey piled on the points in the early round, but Hayton with less experience was unshaken and fought back in great fashion in the succeeding rounds. Gray was tiring towards the finish, but had gained sufficient points to get him the award.

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The Team Cup, presented by Messrs. Sandal & Sons, long identified with the FIFTH as Canteen Caterers, was won by " C " Company for the second year in succession, with 49 points. " A " Coy. were second, with 46 points; " D " Coy. third, with 39 points.

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The Cup and Medals for winning team, Medals for runners-up team, and the Hart Cup, Individual Medals, and Medals for winners of Class A and Class B at the Pura Gumpti meeting last December, were presented by the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Kershaw, D.S.O., at the close.

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RESULTS.

FLY-WEIGHTS.

1st Series.—Fus. McMullen (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. Ash (" A " Coy.)—Knocked out.

1st Series.—Fus. Milburn (" A " Coy.) beat Fus. J. Kelly, (" D " Coy.).—Knocked out, first round.

1st Series.—Fus. Dodds (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Askham (" C " Coy.).—Knocked out.

Semi-Final.—Boy Martin (H.Q. Coy.) beat Fus. McMullen (" D " Coy.).—Knocked out, second round.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Milburn (" A " Coy.) beat Fus. Dodds (" C " Coy.).—Knocked out.

Final.—Fus. Milburn (" A " Coy.) beat Boy Martin (H.Q. Coy.).—Points.

BANTAM-WEIGHTS.

1st Series.—Fus. Ancliffe (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. Hodgson (" A " Coy.).—Knocked out.

1st Series.—Fus. Burke (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Clarke (" B " Coy.).—Knocked out.

1st Series.—Fus. Anderson (" A " Coy.) beat Fus. Malone (" D " Coy.).—Knocked out, second round.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Ancliffe (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. Tully (" C " Coy.).—Knocked out, first round.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Anderson (" A " Coy.) beat Fus. Burke (" C " Coy.).—Points.

Final.—Fus. Anderson (" A " Coy.) beat Fus. Ancliffe (" D " Coy.).—Points.

FEATHER-WEIGHTS.

1st Series.—Fus. Bird (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. Naylor (" B " Coy.).

1st Series.—Cpl. Walker (" A " Coy.) beat Fus. Clarke (" A " Coy.).—Points.

1st Series.—Fus. Jacobs (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Doidge (" D " Coy.).—Points.

1st Series.—Cpl. Moran (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Powell (" B " Coy.).—Scratched.

Semi-Final.—Cpl. Walker (" A " Coy.) beat Fus. Bird (" D " Coy.).—Points.

Semi-Final.—Cpl. Moran (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Jacobs (" C " Coy.).—Points.

Final.—Cpl. Moran (" C " Coy.) beat Cpl. Walker (" A " Coy.).—Medical certificate.

LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

1st Series.—Lce.-Cpl. Phillips (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. Townend (H.Q.).—Points.

2nd Series.—Fus. Cross (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. Cassidy (" A " Coy.).—Points.

2nd Series.—Lce.-Cpl. Butler (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. O'Rourke (" B " Coy.).—Points.

2nd Series.—Fus. Fawcett (H.Q. Coy.) beat Fus. Emmott (" A " Coy.).—Knocked out, second round.

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2nd Series.—Fus. Lawson (" C " Coy) beat Lce.-Cpl. Phillips (" D " Coy.).—First round.

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Semi-Final.—Fus. Lawson (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Fawcett (H.Q.).—Points.

Semi-Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Butler (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Cross (" D " Coy.).—Knocked out, second round.

Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Butler (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Lawson (" C " Coy.).—Points.

WELTER-WEIGHTS.

1st Series.—Fus. Cunningham (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. Turnbull (H.Q.).—Second round.

2nd Series.—Lce.-Cpl. Catterick (" B " Coy.) beat Fus. Smith (" D " Coy.).—First round.

2nd Series.—Lce.-Cpl. Stirling (" C " Coy.) beat A/Dmr. Turner (" A " Coy.).—First round.

2nd Series.—Fus. Farley (" A " Coy.) beat Fus. Hedley (" C " Coy.).

2nd Series.—Fus. Cunningham (" D " Coy.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Hornsby (H.Q.).—Points.

Semi-Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Stirling (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Farley (" A " Coy.).—First round.

Semi-Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Catterick (" B " Coy.) beat Fus. Cunningham (" D " Coy.).—Points.

Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Catterick (" B " Coy.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Stirling (" C " Coy.).—Points.

MIDDLE-WEIGHTS.

1st Series.—Fus. Grimston (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. Smith (" A " Coy.).—Second round.

1st Series.—Fus. Whitelock (" B " Coy.) beat Fus. Bishop (" C " Coy.).—Second round.

1st Series.—Fus. Walden (" A " Coy.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Fairley (" C " Coy.).—Points.

1st Series.—A/Dmr. Crispin (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. Johnson (" B " Coy.).—Points.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Whitelock (" B " Coy.) beat Fus. Grimston (" D " Coy.).—First round.

Semi-Final.—A/Dmr. Crispin (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. Walden (" A " Coy.).—Second round.

Final.—Fus. Whitelock (" B " Coy.) beat A/Dmr. Crispin (" D " Coy.).—Second round.

CATCH-WEIGHTS.

1st Series.—Fus. Salisbury (" D " Coy.) beat Fus. Carter (" B " Coy.).—Points.

2nd Series.—Fus. Beck (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Salisbury (" D " Coy.).—Points.

2nd Series.—Fus. Hayton (" A " Coy.) beat Fus. Redford (" C " Coy.).—First round.

2nd Series.—Fus. Gray (H.Q.) beat Fus. McQuillan (" B " Coy.).—First round.

2nd Series.—Sgt. Higgins (" A " Coy.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Head (H.Q.).—Points.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Hayton (" A " Coy.) beat Fus. Beck (" C " Coy.).—Second round.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Gray (H.Q.) beat Sgt. Higgins ("A " Coy.).—Second round.

Final.—Fus. Gray (H.Q.) beat Fus. Hayton (" A " Coy.).—Points.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

St. George's Day was a brilliant 23rd, and in the eyes of those who have seen many such parades the Trooping of the Colours was a great success. One of our oldest members, now about to leave the Service, who unfortunately was unable to participate in the actual parade, but appeared as a genuine critic, gave us credit for the best parade he had witnessed since 1911.

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C.S.M. Prophet and Sergt. Salt were again respectively right and left guides of the Colour Company, and to them we offer our congratulations for the second year in succession.

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The breakfast following the parade was largely attended, and

SHOOTING PARTY [SERGEANTS' MESS], LAKAHMANDI, MAY, 1924.

was a great success. In this respect we must thank our worthy entertainment president, C.Q.M.S. Willson, and also Sgt. Skelton, for their efficient organization.

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In the evening a social function was held, in which the following members contributed :—C.S.M. Tyrell, C.Q.M.S. Davis, Sgt. Salt, Sgt. Couse, Sgt. Surtees, C.Q.M.S. Shipley and Sgt. Heron in a " comicality," and one or two more, whom with the increasing hours it was a bit difficult to follow, finished off a perfect day.

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The departure of the first Hill Party has left the Mess somewhat weak. C.S.M. Brocklesby, C.Q.M.S. Moon, Sgts. Green, Higgins, and Salt are amongst those away, and now the Bandmaster and Sgt. Drummond have also left for Raniket. In consequence our football team has suffered. Yet, since our last notes we have managed to play a drawn game of 1 goal each with the Corporals, and with a little bit of luck " D " Company might not have been as successful as they were when we encountered them.

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Several of the older members, and just one or two of the younger ones, were selected as representatives in the Station Hockey Team which defeated the Officers by 2—1.

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Shooting trips seem to occupy most of our time just now. C.S.M. Hodsell, C.Q.M.S. Davis, C.Q.M.S. Shipley, Sgt. Rutherford, and Sgt. Hebburn were very successful early in the month of May, and returned with two *nilgai*.

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The second party, which set out a week later, were, however, less successful and returned empty handed.

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Undaunted, the same party leave to-day on another shoot, accompanied by the writer of these notes. It is to be hoped that we shall have something really startling to chronicle in the next *Gazette*.

DEPOT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

21st June, 1924.

Who's this man writing in the 1st Battalion notes about Depôt Inspections, storm cones, glasses of port, and so forth ? Two things only are certain about him. First, that he has never seen the Depôt undergoing an Inspection—a roundabout way of saying that he's never seen the Depôt at all ; and second, that he does not intend to write any more 1st Battalion notes. Having launched his final calumny, he flees to the continent, leaving his quivering successor to face the music (herewith).

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What a difference between the figments of his foetid fancy and actuality. Take our last two visits. On the 13th (Friday !). The G.O.C. Northumbrian Area, Major-General Dudgeon, C.B., held his annual inspection of the Depôt. After the parade in review order, he made a tour of Barracks, being actually shown places which in less guiltless formation would have been guarded from prying eyes to the last drop of eyewash. After spending some time with the Training Cadre, the G.O.C. and his Staff were invited to lunch.

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The 68th were inspected in the afternoon, and after dinner the General watched the semi-finals and finals of the FIFTH *versus* 68th Novices' Boxing Competitions, the results of which are given elsewhere.

The spirit and pluck shown were, as usual, of a high standard, and, as the General said before presenting the prizes, many of

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LIEUT.-COL. HARDMAN-JONES INSPECTING RECRUITS.

the competitors should be of great use to the Battalions they join on leaving the Depôt.

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Fusilier Hunter, February Squad, was awarded the best loser's prize, and he and Fusiliers Ellison and Graham, also of February Squad, are to be congratulated—Ellison on winning the final after being put down for a count of 8½ seconds, and Graham on insisting on boxing on with a badly-damaged thumb until stopped by the referee.

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Colonel A. C. L. Hardman Jones paid us a flying visit on

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A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AFTER THE INSPECTION.

the 7th, and inspected a rehearsal parade for the G.O.C.'s inspection. We regretted that he could not remain longer,

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but had to leave early in the afternoon, on his return journey to the Rhine.

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Congratulations to Captain Baxter and Mr. Thomas on their smashing victory over the promotion examiners. Perhaps it would be as well, for the benefit of future generations, to publish a few tips gathered with great difficulty, straight from the mouths of these strong, reticent men.

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Let "Imp. Geog." serve as an example. Before the dread day dawns, learn by heart all the Stations on the Cape to Cairo Railway, and find out, if you can, what Copra is.

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You are now ready for the examination.

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When asked to state briefly the importance to the Empire of a long list of unfamiliar places, do not blench, but write down in your fair round hand, opposite each name :—Wireless station, Coaling station, Naval base, Dockyard, Cable station, Air route, Trade route, Copra . . . ?

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You've already got fifty per cent., unless you've lost your nerve and put a query after dockyard in the case of, say, Kingston.

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It merely remains now to get full marks. To do this you must discuss the strategic value of each place. This is easy. A fellow needn't go to Wembley to be told that every place in an Imp. Geog. Exam. is either (*a*) on, or (*b*) flanking a trade route. An examiner is not going to be so soft-hearted as to give you a place sitting bang on a trade-route—and even if he did it would be flanking some other route. So you can plump for flanking every time, and if good at Section heading will be able to write pages on that. *Voila! Razmak*?—Well, Razmak is rather different, but it flanks a trade-route, same as Percy Main.

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As will be seen by the Games Notes, two cricket matches a week, on an average, have been played during the past month. The difficulty in a Depôt is to find a sufficient number of different teams to prevent the same people appearing on the same side each time. The Depôt Staff and the Recruit Company have had several homeric contests, and the Married have attempted to play the Single. We have won the three outside matches played—the away match against Ovingham being the most successful. Our thanks are due to our hosts for giving us such an enjoyable afternoon, and providing us with such an excellent tea.

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Some consternation was caused, the other day, when it was discovered that our cricket ground had been ploughed up by hoof-marks. Ex-Boy Scouts were divided in opinion as to whether the tracks on the pitch were those of a Rodeo or Stampede, but in the end Stampede had it. The tracks were ubique, and it turned out that our friends the Gunners had been practising for a show in connection with the annual Newcastle Temperance Festival.

Needs must when the Artillery drives, apparently.

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The Regiment seems to have been chucking its weight about in the Athletic world lately. Not only has Mr. Beckwith beaten his own Army record in putting the shot, but Mr. Harcourt-Vernon has won the same event in the Royal Air Force championships. Congratulations to both.

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Captain Powell's car has not, in accordance with the usual Regimental custom, been called anything in particular yet. How different from the man who rammed it in the stern the other day!

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The "N.F." peril, which has for so long been a menace in these parts, appears to be abating. A taxi-driver the other day, on being asked to drive to the "Fifth Fusiliers Barracks," jumped straight in and drove off, instead of the more usual procedure of asking "Wheors that, sor?"

DEPOT GAMES NOTES.

CRICKET.

The following matches have been played since the last notes went to press :—

DECEMBER AND JANUARY SQUADS *v.* FEBRUARY AND MAY SQUADS.—February and May Squads won by 32 runs to 28. Fus. Pyle (Feb. and May) carried his bat for 17. Fus. Throssell (Dec. and Jan.) did the hat trick.

DECEMBER *v.* JANUARY SQUAD.—Scores 31 and 60. January Squad won by 29 runs.

CAPTAIN BAXTER'S XI. *v.* THE RECRUIT COMPANY.—Scores, 53 and 77. The Recruit Company won by 24 runs. For the Recruit Company, Fus. Pyle scored 34. For Capt. Baxter's XI., Mr. R. P. Baxter, R.F.A., made 28.

RECRUIT COMPANY *v.* THE DEPÔT STAFF.—Scores, 126 and 117. The Recruit Company won by 9 runs. For the Recruit Company, Fus. Waterhouse made 49. For the Depôt Staff, Sgt. Finnamore made 57.

RECRUIT COMPANY *v.* THE DEPÔT STAFF.—Scores, 85 and 40=125; 44 and 98=142. Depôt Staff won by 17 runs. For the Recruit Company, Lce.-Cpl. Burns made 30, Fus. Stacey 23 not out. For Depôt Staff-Sgt. George made 21.

RECRUIT COMPANY *v.* THE DEPÔT STAFF.—Scores, 71 and 67 =138; 70 and 103=173. Depôt Staff won by 35 runs. For the Recruit Company, C.S.M. O'Hara made 23 not out, Fus. Pyle 29.

OVER 12 YEARS' SERVICE *v.* UNDER 12 YEARS' SERVICE.—Scores 28 and 24=52; 101. Under 12 won by an innings and 49 runs. For under 12, Fus. Pyle made 23. For over 12, Sgt. George did the hat trick.

MARRIED *v.* SINGLE.—Scores, 63 and 8=71; 30 and 103=133. Single won by 62 runs. For the Married, Sgt. Finnamore made 23, C.S.M. O'Hara not out 17. Sgt. George again did the hat trick. For the Single, Sgt. Hurley made 29, Fus. Pyle 25.

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DEPÔT 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* HEATONVILLE 2ND XI.

HEATONVILLE.

	1st innings.	2nd innings.
J. V. Brown, b Finnamore	1	run out 17
H. Watson, b Finnamore	5	b Pyle 30
N. Liddle, b Thompson	10	b Pyle 0
J. Green, b Finnamore	2	b Pyle 1
T. Wardlaugh, c Thompson, b Finnamore	2	b Massey 0
V. Rowden, b Pyle	0	not out 1
T. Dickinson, b Thompson	1	b Finnamore 2
J. Polworth, c Massey, b Thompson	0	c George, b Finnamore 0
L. Fairpo, b Thompson	1	did not bat.
M. Hall, b Pyle	1	
J. Sinclair, not out	0	
Extras	1	Extras 6
Total	24	(for 7 wickets) 57

5TH FUSILIERS.

Fus. Pyle, c Dickinson, b Green	10
Lce.-Cpl. Massey, b Green	10
Sgt. Thompson, A.E.C., c and b Wardlaugh	13
Sgt. Finnamore, b Brown	0
C.S.M. O'Hara, b Brown	4
Capt. Baxter, c Liddle, b Brown	1
Sgt. George, c Green, b Brown	8
Mr. Thomas, b Brown	6
Fus. Davies, b Wardlaugh	2
Lce.-Cpl. Burns, c Watson, b Fairpo	2
Fus. Dunne, not out	7
Extras	4
Total	67

Match drawn.

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DEPÔT 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* DEPARTMENTAL CORPS.

DEPARTMENTAL CORPS.

Sgt. Hurley, c Massey, b Finnamore	6
Cpl. Roe, b Finnamore	0
Pte. Moore, b Finnamore	0
Pte. Bourne, c O'Hara, b Finnamore	11
Lce.-Cpl. Copley, c Finnamore, b George	2
Sgt. Thompson, run out	15
S.-Sgt. Kirk, c and b Finnamore	0
Lce.-Cpl. English, b Pyle	13
Q.M.S. Foden, b O'Hara	2
Lce.-Cpl. Grimes, run out	0
Pte. Atkinson, not out	2
Extras	10
Total	61

5TH FUSILIERS.

Mr. Thomas, c Atkinson, b Hurley	6
Lce.-Cpl. Purcell, b Hurley	7
Fus. Dickinson, b Thompson	5
Fus. Pyle, not out	19
Sgt. Finnamore, b Thompson	6
Sgt. George, b Thompson	0
Capt. Baxter, not out	17
C.S.M. O'Hara, Mr. Forbes-Watson, Lce.-Cpl. Burne, Lce.-Cpl. Massey	did not bat.
Extras	2
Total	62

5th Fusiliers won by 5 wickets.

5TH FUSILIERS *v.* OVINGHAM.

5TH FUSILIERS.

Lce.-Cpl. Ross, c W. Hall, b R. Hall	3
Fus. Pyle, b W. Hall	2
Lce.-Cpl. Purcell, c Cowings, b W. Hall	7
Sgt. George, b W. Hall	0
Sgt. Finnamore, b W. Hall	6
Capt. Baxter, b R. Hall	10
C.S.M. O'Hara, b R. Hall	0
Mr. Thomas, b W. Hall	1
R.Q.M.S. Redhead, b R. Hall	3
Mr. Forbes-Watson, not out	9
Lce.-Cpl. Massey, b W. Hall	5
Extras	7
Total	53

OVINGHAM.

T. Dawson, c George, b Pyle	8
W. White, b Pyle	0
Rev. J. Cuthbertson, b Pyle	4
J. Cook, b Finnamore	1
Col. Cruddas, c Baxter, b Pyle	1
V. Fletcher, b Pyle	2
W. Hall, b Finnamore	1
R. Hall, c and b Pyle	0
R. White, b Pyle	2
J. Cowings, not out	0
T. Turner, b Pyle	0
Extras	0
Total	19

Played at Ovingham. 5th Fusiliers won by 34 runs. Fus. Pyle took 8 wickets for 6 runs.

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BEST BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of innings.	Not out.	Highest score.	Total runs.	Average.
Fus. Pyle	15	2	70	313	24
Sgt. Finnamore	13	1	63 not out	243	20

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Wickets.	Runs.	Average.
Sgt. Thompson	29	132	4.5
Fus. Pyle	58	280	4.8
Sgt. Finnamore	56	295	5.2
C.S.M. O'Hara	11	74	6.7
Fus. Theakston	21	150	7.1
Sgt. George	29	234	8.0

BOXING.

5TH FUSILIERS *v.* 68TH LIGHT INFANTRY.

Boxing Competition. Held on Thursday and Friday, June 12th and 13th.

RESULTS.

Feather-weights.—First series: Pte. Hoggett beat Lce.-Cpl. Shoulder (68th), Fus. Oates beat Pte. Wilson, Pte. Fox beat Fus. McCabe, Pte. Ross beat Fus. Brodie. Semi-final: Fus. Oates beat Pte. Hoggett, Pte. Fox beat Pte. Ross. Final: Fus. Oates beat Pte. Fox.

Light-weights.—First series: Fus. Graham beat Pte. Fry, Pte. Rutherford beat Fus. Wilson, Pte. Fulton beat Fus. Griffin, Fus. Moore beat Pte. Brown. Semi-final: Fus. Graham beat Pte. Rutherford, Pte. Fulton beat Fus. Moore. Final: Pte. Fulton won, the referee stopping the fight in the second round, as Graham had hurt his thumb.

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Welter-weights.—First series: Fus. Hunter beat Pte. Train, Fus. Ellison beat Pte. Fairclough, Fus. Berkeley beat Pte. Medcalf, Pte. Hanson beat Fus. Sinclair. Semi-finals: Fus. Ellison beat Fus. Hunter (best loser's prize), Pte. Hanson beat Pte. Medcalf. Final: Fus. Ellison beat Pte. Hanson after a very good fight, in which Ellison received a severe blow on the "point" in the second round which put him down for 8½ seconds.

Middle-weights.—Final: Fus. Booth knocked out Pte. Gowing in the first half of the first round.

The prizes were presented by Major-General Dudgeon, C.B., who complimented the competitors on the excellent spirit they showed. He also thanked R.S.M. Marks, A.P.T. Staff, for the good work he has done during his tour of duty at the Depôt. R.S.M. Marks is leaving shortly, and will be a very great loss to us all. We wish him the best of luck.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

An impromptu sports meeting was held on the square on 18th June. Results:—

100 *Yards*—Fus. Fail 1, Yates 2, Dickinson 3, Blaylock 4. Time, 11 4/5 secs.

220 *Yards*—Fus. Fail 1, Madgin 2, Blaylock 3, Dickinson 4. Time, 29 4/5 secs.

440 *Yards*—Fus. Ellison 1, Graham 2, Smithson 3, Oates 4. Time, 1 min. 12 secs.

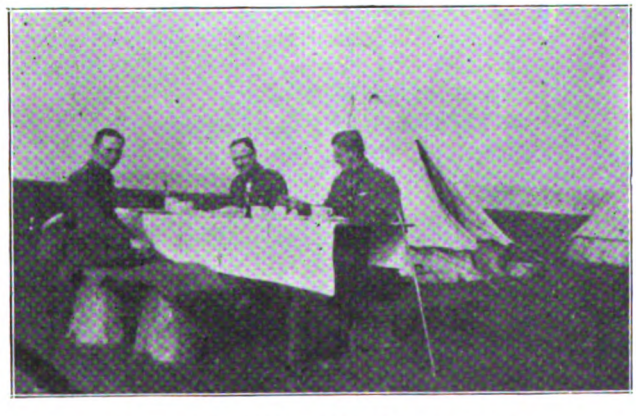
880 *Yards*—Fus. Ellison 1, Smithson 2, Cole 3, Oates 4. Time, 2 mins. 41 4/5 secs.

Team placings.—February "A" team, 17 points; February "B" team, 13; May "B" team, 10; May "A" team, 0.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

RIPON CAMP,
YORKSHIRE,
23rd June, 1924.

We have arrived in Camp—but only just; so, gentle reader,



ALLENDALE CAMP, 1924. OFFICERS AT BREAKFAST.

you must forgive rather a scrappy contribution this month. The Battalion marched into Ripon, 15 Officers and 475 Other

ALLENDALE CAMP, 1924. W.O.'S AND SERGEANTS AT BREAKFAST.

Ranks strong. This, considering the total strength is only 16

ALLENDALE CAMP, 1924. THE COOKHOUSE.

Officers and 590 Other Ranks, must be regarded as a fairly

ALLENDALE CAMP, 1924. "W" COY. PARADING FOR RANGE.

satisfactory turn-out,

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The C.O. has, owing to urgent private affairs, applied for leave from Camp, and Lieut.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., has therefore assumed command of the Battalion for annual training.

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The last two Week-end Camps at Allendale were marred by bad weather, and "Z" Coy. and the M.G. Platoon hardly saw the outside of the barns, generously lent by Mr. Foster, of Glen Hill Farm, for their protection. Consequently Part 3 of the M.G. Course was left unfired, and the Field Firing of "Z" Coy. had to be cancelled.

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Drills have been well attended, on the whole, and most of the firing of Table "T" has been completed.

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At the Northumberland Association Rifle Meeting, in spite of a large entry of teams, we were not in luck's way this year, and lost to the 7th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers the Lambton Challenge Trophy. The County Association Cup was won by Capt. W. Watson, M.C., our Quartermaster, and No. 4262014 Fus. J. J. Rewcastle did well in the Recruits' Competition. We were second in the Earl Grey Shield, which competition we should have won but for the deduction of 10 points for failing to take proper cover. We were also fourth in the 50th Division Memorial Cup.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Our detachment is now in the throes of preparing for annual training. Of course we have been preparing for at least six

U ARE THE UHLANS WHO CAMPED IN A LOFT
WHERE THE AIR WAS COW-WARM & THE STRAW WAS FLEA-SOFT
THEY ALL BLESS'D THE RAIN, WHICH FROM HEAVEN WAS SENT.
IT POURED WHEN THEY CAME, SO THEY SOAKED TILL THEY WENT.

months, but the number of last-minute jobs is very great indeed.

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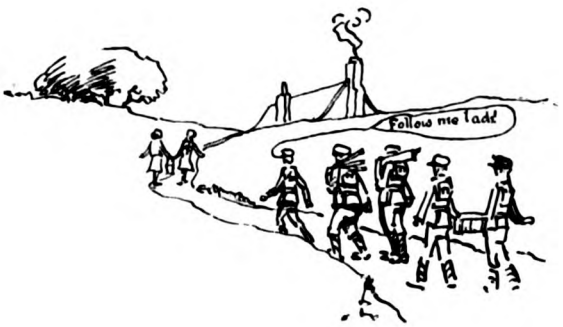
We have had our week-end at Allendale, and enjoyed the Saturday and Sunday morning very much.

The Sunday afternoon, however, was very wet, and we were thankful to have closed busses to bring us home. I should



"V" ARE THE VILLAINS WHO FIGHT WITH A VICKERS,
ONCE IN POSITION, THEY'RE VERY GOOD STICKERS.
IF THE FOE DO NOT FIND THEM, THE UMPIRES CAN NOT,
WHICH MEANS THAT THE SERGEANT SELECTED THE SPOT.

think the Allendale pubs would be very glad to see us oftener.

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The tile-shooting brought to light one quite good team, but still not good enough for Ponteland. We will have to have much more practice still if we intend to do any good there.

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We must place on record the number of blind men in our district. We had five prospective recruits in one day, and three of them on examination by the M.O. were found to be blind in at least one eye each. We were highly amused at one of them who was blind in the right eye, but said he was a first class shot with the left eye with the rifle in the right shoulder.

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We are praying for fine weather at Ripon, but from our previous experiences of the place we are taking with us several life belts, snowshoes and umbrellas.

6TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

RIPON,

28th June, 1924.

Though "Brief life is here our portion," we already feel we have been under canvas for years. We really only arrived last Sunday, the 22nd inst., but regular habits and a return to discipline, or, as the padre said this morning, to "The law of liberty," has made us feel that we have always been carrying on like this.

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We are 14 officers and 408 other ranks, which is not so strong as the last two years; but many more of our men are now employed and either find it difficult to get leave, or have diffidence in asking for leave owing to the supply of labour exceeding the demand.

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The camp is pleasantly situate, but rather cramped. We are between the 4th and the 5th, and the 7th are also here with the 72nd Brigade R.F.A., Divisional Signals, C.C.S., Field Ambulance, etc.

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The weather so far has been magnificent, which has in some degree compensated for the lack of suitable fields for recreation. The accommodation is really very bad, and football has become a perilous operation—our football field has a macadam road through the middle of it. In spite of this we hope to win the Brigade Football Cup. Hope and optimism are part and parcel of a Territorial's training.

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We have begun well by winning the Brigade Cross Country run and the Cup presented by Col. E. P. A. Riddell, our recent Brigadier. Mrs. Dudgeon, the wife of the General of the Division (Major-General Dudgeon, C.B.), presented the Cup and the medals to the winning team (the medals being given by Col. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., our Brigadier), all of whom, together with Col. Riddell, lunched at the Officers' Mess after the run. Hearty congratulations to the team and to Lieut. R. H. Hobbs, who has taken over the Sports organization in the absence of Lieut. D. D. Rutherford.

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The Officers gave a dance last night at the Cattering Bridge Hotel, which everyone seemed to enjoy; and a 3.15 a.m. return to camp seemed to have no effect on the early morning Church parade at Ripon Cathedral, with the exception of one Company Commander. The Cathedral was well packed with troops, and St. George's Hymn was sung with vigour. After the service there was a march past for the Divisional G.O.C., who complimented the Battalion on its turn out.

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We have had quite a lot of old hands down to see us, including Lt.-Col. E. Temperley, D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. R. Stephenson, Major H. A. Ryott, Major J. L. Lovinbond, Capt. Bruce Ramsay, M.C., and Major Gordon, M.C. (our late Adjutant). We much appreciated their visit, and it helps very materially to foster our *esprit de corps*.

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Next week is to be a very strenuous one, with field days, etc., and as sleep has been a minus quantity, and the difficulty of finding time or the place to write under canvas are colossal, we must postpone a more detailed narrative of our doings until next month.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

14th June, 1924.

Congratulations to C.S.M. A. E. Bradford, on being awarded the "Routy" Medal.

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The weather was none too kind to us on the occasions of our week-end camps at Morpeth Common and Moorlaws, for field firing, from May 24th to 25th. "A" and "B" Companies were at the Common, under Major Smail; and "C" and "D" at Moorlaws, with Capt. Appleby in charge. The two former Companies mustered 101 each, "C" had 96 on parade, and "D" 56. Capts. Cowen and Watson, Lieuts. Grey and Potts, were in attendance at Morpeth; while Capt. Mackay was in command of the contingent from Berwick at Alnwick. The C.O. looked us up at Morpeth, and the Adjutant was seldom "off the doorstep" at either place.

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The Battalion has reason to congratulate itself on the improved results at the County Rifle Meeting, on Saturday, 7th, and Whit Monday. Every credit is due to Capt. Watson and his braves from Ashington on their good shooting. They deserved to win, if only for the practice they put in. They had lost the Lambton Cup to the 4th Battalion Headquarter Wing last year, and set about organising for victory. Competition was keen between these two rivals, and excitement intense as the scores came over the telephone. "B" Company won by 416 points to 409, and Colonel Gibson was first to congratulate them.

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Ashington are also due to our heartiest on gaining third place in the 50th Memorial—an open competition. We have a bit to go before we attain the form of the Tyne R.E.'s and Northumberland Hussars, but we are coming on!

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The second most pleasing feature was that "C" Company ran out third in "the Lambton." This also spells progress, and is to be commended. They intend to give "B" a run for their money next year, and as their second five in the Co-operative Union Cup competition (plate shooting) knocked out "B" Company's best, prospects are good. "A" Company, too, fancy their chances another year, as they accounted for "B's" second string. In any case a spirit of keenness was manifested which augurs well for the future of rifle shooting in the Battalion.

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After nearly gaining the Hunting Revolver Cup in 1922, Sgt.-Instr. Loder attained one of his ambitions on the Saturday by winning the trophy for the Battalion. This was a consolation trophy for Berwick, and Sgt. Loder was the recipient of many congratulations.

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Sgt.-Instr. W. C. Loder, Sgt.-Instr. P. Cole, and Sgt. C. Mace, "D" Company, were among the individual prize-winners on Saturday; and among the recruits on Monday, Fus. G. Savage did well to tie for third prize.

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We append the list of teams, as follows:—*Lambton Cup.*—"B" Coy. C.Q.M.S. Adamson, Sgts. McFadden, Redford, Smailes, Luke, Cpl. Tinkler, Fus. Wood and Nicholls. "C" Lieut. Ledgerwood, Cpls. J. Guy, M. Flanighan, W. White, Fus. W. Foster, W. Stevens, E. Cook, and J. Wallace. "A"—Lieut. Potts, C.S.M. Purves, C.Q.M.S. Stevenson, Sgts. Adams, Gibbinson, McIntyre, Fus. Smith and O'Hare. "D"—C.S.M. Payne, C.Q.M.S. Smith, Sgts. Mace, Thomson, Nesbitt, Cpl. Taylor, Fus. Rutherford and Young. *Earl Grey*: "A"—C.Q.M.S. Stevenson, Sgts. Gibbinson and McIntyre, Fus. Smith and O'Hare. "B"—(1st) C.Q.M.S. Adamson, Sgts. McFadden, Redford, Smailes and Luke; (2nd) Cpl. Tinkler, Fus. Wood, Nicholls, Moran and Savage. "C"—(1st) Lieut. Ledgerwood, C.S.M. G. Wardrope, Fus. E. Cook, W. Stevens and J. Wallace; (2nd) Cpl. Guy, Cpl. Gibson, Cpl. White, Fus. W. Foster and J. Henderson.

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In the 50th Divisional Memorial Cup, "A," "B" and "D" Companies had the same teams as in the Lambton; but "C's" read Lieut. Ledgerwood, Cpls. White, Flanighan and Gibson, L/-Cpl. H. Smith, Fus. Henderson, Wallace and Stevens.

It was pleasing to see a good turn-out of officers, especially on Whit Monday. Among those present on one or both days were:—Major Smail (Member of Council), Major Chenevix-Trench (Adjutant), Capts. Cowen and Watson (Member of Executive Committee), Lieuts. Ledgerwood and Potts, and 2nd Lieut. Green. The Permanent Staff also mustered strongly.

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Lt.-Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., attended the unveiling of the North Eastern Railway War Memorial at York, by F.M. Lord Plumer, on Saturday, 14th June.

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Cpl. Luke, "B" Coy., and Fus. Smith, "A," are promoted Sergeants. We welcome the latter, who formerly held that rank, back to the unit.

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On Sunday, 22nd instant, we assemble for annual training at Ripon. We anticipate being strongly represented, and all ranks are looking forward to a *bon temps*.

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Fusrs. R. H. Dean, "B," and W. Cooney, "D," attended a course of instruction in Cookery at the Depôt, Newcastle, from 2nd to 11th instant.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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NEAR WALLINGFORD,
30th June, 1924.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, and 1921.

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We have received the second number of "The Fighting Forces." This new Service quarterly is maintaining the excellent quality of its first issue, and we commend it to the notice of Mess Presidents and P.R.I.'s.

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Subscriptions due in July:—

Mr. G. Barnard.
Mr. W. Fuller.
Mr. H. A. James.
Mrs. C. L. Walker.
Major G. Wilkinson.
Mr. C. Gilroy.

The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Mrs. A. Armstrong (2nd Batt.)
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Major-Gen. F. L. Festing, C.M.G.
Mrs. Holland (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. McCulloch (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. J. Stephenson (2nd Batt.)
The Editor, "Memories"

REGIMENTAL DINNER.

The Regimental Dinner was held at the Grand Hotel, on 4th June, the following Officers were present:—

Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.; Major-General T. D. Pilcher, C.B., D.S.O.; Brigadier-Generals Sitwell, B. T. Buckley, C. Yatman; Group Capt. I. M. Bonham Carter; Colonels Biddulph, Dashwood, Enderby, Heard, Sturges, Sapte, Cole, Somerville; Lt.-Colonels Hardman Jones, Ainslie, Cruddas Gething, Landen, Moulton-Barrett, Wild; Majors Archer, Booth, Chevenix Trench, Carroll, Leahy, Flower, Gibbs, Holderness, Prideau, Stephen, Thornton, Greville-Williams; Captains Garnier, Dorman-Smith, Powell, Redwood and Waight; Lieutenants Grimley, Hopper, Prickett, Beckwith and Bolster.

It has been decided, in order to make a great reduction in expenses, not to publish in the Daily Press of those who attended or notices of the Regimental Dinner.

If any member of the Dinner Club has any suggestions to put forward concerning where the dinner is to be held in 1925, or any proposals which would improve the Regimental Dinner, will he kindly communicate as soon as possible with the President of the Mess Committee, 1st Battalion.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' (FIGHTING FIFTH) OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly General Meeting was held at our Headquarters on Friday, 13th June. Chairman, Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes. There were about 50 present, including our hon. treasurer, Col. D. Sapte.

It was proposed to run a char-a-banc outing on the 24th August, and the matter was referred to the Entertainment Committee, under Mr. A. E. Bosten, chairman, who will be responsible for the arrangements. Members will be notified as early as possible.

RE-UNION DINNER, ARMISTICE NIGHT.

A Dinner Committee has been formed, and efforts are being made to obtain a suitable rendezvous, particulars of which will be circulated immediately the necessary arrangements have been completed.

At the expiration of the meeting a concert was given. We thank those who so kindly gave their services.

PROGRAMME.

Barrack Room Ballad	"Billy, the Orderly Man"	Lt.-Col. C. P. HAWKES
Soprano	Selected	Mrs. FOWKE
	"The Rest of the Day's your Own"	Mr. A. E. BOSTEN
Soprano	Selected	Miss COLLINS
Baritone	(1) "Nirvana"	Mr. E. A. JAMES
	(2) "Shipmates o' Mine"	
Soprano	(1) "Until"	Mrs. MAUNDER
	(2) "If I might come to you"	
Baritone	(1) "Your England and Mine"	Mr. JONES
	(2) "Home of Killarney"	
	Selected	Miss E. BANNISTER
Vocalist and Cornet Soloist		Mr. A. IRWIN
	(1) Song—"For You Alone"	
	(2) Cornet—"Cavaleria Rusticana"	
Soprano	(1) "Arise, O Sun"	Miss MADGE LINSAY
	(2) "Homing"	
The Old Favourite	(1) The Hussars	Mr. BILLY DEE
	(2) "Onwards over the Hill"	
Comedienne	(1) "Sing in his Sleep"	Miss FLORENCE KENT
	(2) "Ain't It Nice"	

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Accompanist .. .. .. Madam WILTON DAVIS.
Chairman .. .. .. Lt.-Col. C. P. HAWKES.

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We welcome any of the FIFTH who have served in any Battalion, and hope that those who will be resident in the London area will join when discharged or transferred to the Army Reserve.

Membership :—Officers, 37 ; Other Ranks, 140 ; Lady Members, 28.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1924.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Money received for admission	3	4	0
Roses on hand, 86 at 4d. cost price	1	8	8
Sale of roses	2	8	4
Amount taken from Association Funds to balance account	7	14	0½
	£14	15	0½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Printing of notification cards	0	16	0
Postage, 300 at ½d. each	0	12	6
Artistes—Mr. Emery and Mrs. Folke	0	17	6
Casino Orchestra	3	12	6
Veterans' Club—Hire of hall	1	5	0
Cost of streamers and decorations	1	1	9
Refreshments to Artistes—Orchestra, Staff, Mr. Bisten	0	15	0
Ditto, Mr. Morgan	0	6	0
Other postages, 'phone calls, etc., Mr. Morgan	0	4	6
Miscellaneous expenses—Mr. Bisten	0	4	7½
Roses for decorations	0	6	4
Cost of roses for St. George's Day	4	3	4
Donation to Factory hands	0	5	0
Donation to Staff at Veterans' Club	0	5	0
	£14	15	0½

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H. I. MORGAN,
Secretary.

Letter to the Editor.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
30th June, 1924.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st April and 30th June, 1924, as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Herbert Armstrong	2	2	0
Major C. E. Thornton, O.B.E.	1	1	0
Mrs. Cherry	1	1	0
Major B. T. St. John	2	2	0
Major-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.	3	3	0
Brig.-Gen. T. G. L. Herbert Armstrong, C.B.E.	3	3	0
Brig.-Gen. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O.	3	3	0
Major F. A. Cubitt	2	2	0
Brig.-Gen. B. T. Buckley, C.B., C.M.G.	2	2	0
P.M.C., 1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers	28	0	6
Lieut.-Col. W. H. Wild, D.S.O.	5	0	0
35th Northumberland Fusiliers, per United Services Trustee	31	0	8
Mrs. Powell, Newcastle	Clothing and toys		
Mrs. Gibson, Bywell Castle	Clothing		
Mrs. Spencer, Walbottle Hall	Clothing		
Mrs. Hereward Brackenbury, Seaton Burn House	Clothing		

In addition to the above, as the result of a Ball held at Newcastle on 25th April, in aid of the Funds of the Society, and appeals in connection therewith, organised by a Committee composed of Officers serving at the Depôt and Officers of Territorial Battalions, the following donations have been received, and are very gratefully acknowledged :—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. J. F. Riddell	5	0	0
Editor, *St. George's Gazette*	10	0	0
Major G. R. F. Leverson, D.S.O.	10	0	0
Proceeds of the Ball	145	0	0

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lieut.-Colonel),
Secretary and Treasurer.

TYNESIDE HUMOUR.

A PROBLEM SOLVED.

Jackie got a wireless set and fixed it up, but never thought aboot the earth wire. Both his wife and he put the ear 'phones on, but could get no soond. At last Jackie said : "Aa knaa noo whaat's th' matter. Aa hevn't gettin' the licence yit."

A NEAR THING.

Before the war, when sovereigns and half-sovereigns were in circulation, a Durham man went to a certain bank to draw £200 for a "pay." The coins were only weighed out and handed to the man, who being sceptically inclined, proceeded to count the gold pieces. Having done so he was asked by the clerk : "Are they right ?" "Yis, mistor, but just !" replied the visitor.

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"Quo fata vocant."

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It is particularly requested that all contributions intended for insertion be sent so as to reach the Editor NOT LATER than the 25th of each month, in order to allow of punctual publication, and that contributions be written on ONE SIDE only of the paper.

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"The Norfolk Regimental Journal"
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BIRTHS.

PULLAN.—On the 12th July, at Cologne, to the wife of R.S.M. Pullan, 1st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers—a daughter (Barbara).

EARL.—On the 11th July, at Cologne, to the wife of C.Q.M.S. W. Earl, 1st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers—a son (Alan Cyril).

DEATH.

PULLAN.—On the 13th July, at Cologne, Barbara, infant daughter of R.S.M. and Mrs. Pullan, aged 1 day.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,
July, 1924.

We moved from Leidenhausen to Marienburg Barracks on 8th July, having completed our musketry programme more or less by the skin of our teeth in the allotted time. Fortunately, in spite of all we wrote and left unwritten about the weather in our last notes, it was on the whole good, and in that respect we had little to complain about.

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In some murky recess in haversacks there is doubtless to be found one of those dreadful statisticians who has worked out to a nicety the exact number of rounds of ammunition expended during the musketry month; but it is not proposed to enter here into such harrowing details. Suffice it to say that in a certain lump of earth, not far away from the usual scene of her activities, the lead picker's daughter, should she cast her roving eye around, might find a priceless harvest, if she could but be lured from the attractive possibilities of the French bombing area.

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On 15th July we were inspected on the barrack square by the new C.-in-C., Lt.-Gen. Sir J. P. du Cane, who was apparently pleased with all he saw.

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On Thursday, 17th, the Battalion provided a guard of honour to the C.-in-C. of the Belgian Army. Captain Arkwright was in command, and Mr. Macmullen carried the Colour. In the words of the Belgian C.-in-C., it was "superb."

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A separate account of the Rhine Army Sports appears elsewhere, but our congratulations are due to all members of the team which brought us so near to victory. It was very fortunate that Mr. Beckwith was able to come and take part. Indeed without his assistance in five events we should almost certainly have occupied a lower place.

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Mr. Jones departed soon after his return from camp with the High Commissioner's guard to Coblentz. We leave the rest to the imagination of our readers.

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Major Critchley-Salmonson and Mr. Steele left us before we moved from camp to go for a short course at Hythe. Of the latter we have had no news, but we understand that the former is enjoying life, and when not engaged in entertaining African royalty at the Palladium, finds the Lewis Gun quite an absorbing topic.

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We were pained and surprised one morning to find Mr. Bolster drinking his own health in the Mess at a somewhat early hour. The cause of the outburst turned out to be a letter from the Civil Service Commissioners to the effect that he had defeated the examiners in the Preliminary French exams. Since then he has spoken no English at all. Mr. English scored a similar victory, but we trust that in his case the occasion was not marked by any such deplorable incident.

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It is proposed to offer a prize of 10s. 6d. each month for the best short story submitted for publication in *St. George's Gazette*. The length of the story should not exceed 2,000 words. If no story submitted is considered good enough for publication no prizes will be given. Contributions must be addressed to the Adjutant and handed in to the Orderly Room not later than the 21st of each month. The name of the author must accompany the contribution, though it need not necessarily be published.

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A prize of 5s. will also be given for the best photograph published each month. Any subject may be chosen, and contributions should be sent in as above.

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Not having had a fire this month, or any other unusual incident providing "copy," we have accepted the kind offer

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made by Mr. Samuel St. G. Pepys of extracts from his diary for publication, in the hope that the incidents illustrated by the publication of these extracts will help to complete the pictures of our regimental life, which these notes are intended to portray.

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ST. GEORGE'S PEPYS.

2nd July.—Up betimes and to the Messe to break my faste and uret to the raynge to see our brave fellowes dischargeing their muskitts, the which did vastly interest me, with such precision did they come in their detayles and in turn discharge their pieces.

Sad news this day of how one of these gallant fellowes did lose his emblems of marksmanshippe after holdynge them for seventeen yeares, but right gladde to heare of how the last sollemne rites and obsequies were done with fittynge ceremoniz by the sergeant of musicke.

This night in Mess had prettie discourse with Sir Edgestoun Jonworthe, a mighty man, who gave a straynge account of how his number one, another mightie man, when discharging a Lewis piece did forfeitt many poyntes by lookynge through the wrong hole when firing, the which seemed the more amayzing as this same number one, says he, is, or seemes to be, a very caypable expounder of how to fire the piece.

5th July.—Awaykened earlier than needs be by the pestilential cryinge of many serjeants urgeing their men to "get on parayde 'X' Companie." Indeed such tumults do they make, I have truely no stummick for this life in tentes. This day comes my lord Buick, complayninge of how his wearinge apparel no longer hangs so closely as before, but on my sayin' that this should rightly be reason for rejoyceing rather than complaynte, he showes some displeasure, and for this I am sorrie, not meanynge to hurt his feelynges.

8th July.—Up and mightie betimes. Great to do in the campe, soulderes runnynge to and fro makynge the baggage ready for movynge, and clearyng the campe. And so to barrackes and a good bed.

12th July (*Lord's Day*).—To church, where a good sermon on the evils of idle gossipynge about folks behind their backs, and the parson also sayinge what a straynge and troubled state we should all be in if everyone in this commande were to saye to everyone else exactly what they were thinkynge about them. And indeede our armie would soone be in sad case if the soulderes mighte tell the sergeant-majors always what they were thinkynge of them, though in this matter the custommе of the service showes some inequalitie, for that the sergeant-majors do very frequently saye to the souldiers in termes unmistakeable, what they are thinkynge of them. . . . And the Lord knowes in what a taking we should be if our wyves started this.

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The Rhine Army Horse Show was held on 15th, 16th and 17th July.

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The Machine Gun Platoon took part in a Driving Competition and a Machine Gun Competition. They were second in the Driving Competition, and great credit is due to Fusiliers Postill and Cave, who negotiated the course with considerable skill.

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The Machine Gun Competition consisted of three phases:—(1) Getting into action; (2) Cease firing, gallop back 200 yards and into action again; and (3) Cease firing, out of action and reload limber.

In all three phases the work of our team was good, particularly in view of the fact that we only returned from camp a few days before the Horse Show, and consequently had very little time for any practice. Unfortunately they lost some points through taking too much time.

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Our Regimental Transport put in some very hard work preparing for the Regimental Transport Turn-out and the result was highly creditable, even if we were not given a prize. The task of the judges in this event was a most unenviable one, as there was very little to choose between any of the teams, the standard throughout being about as high as it possibly could be.

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The Battalion was inspected by Lt.-Gen. Sir J. P. du Cane, who has succeeded General Sir A. Godley as C.-in-C. After

seeing the Battalion on parade he visited the Institutes, Sergeants' Mess, Barrack rooms, and Officers' Mess, and was apparently pleased with all he saw.

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Gen. du Cane knew the Battalion about 1890, when they were at Woolwich.

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A glance through Battalion Orders for the past few months reveals an addition to the regular weekly and monthly fixtures, such as Settling Day, Milk Supply, Medical Inspection. The new fixture is a monthly one headed "Moves." As the second week in the month approaches we know that "the battalion will move." . . . . Our next fixture is the Eifal, whither we "move" on 9th August for three weeks' battalion training.

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A draft, 110 strong, is being prepared to go to the 2nd Battalion and will leave some time in September.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

July, 1924.

Since arriving in barracks from camp, only a few items of interest have happened which are worth recording.

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The visit of the G.O.C.-in-Chief, Lt.-Gen. Sir J. P. du Cane, K.C.B., will be dealt with on another page.

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"As mentioned aforesaid—Referred to before"—we are back in barracks, and settled down, but only with the sad

OUR CARICATURE-CORNER.

N° 5 C.S.M. A. CLARKE
LETTER 'Y' COY.

and distressing news that we need not dig ourselves in for another year, because we proceed on manœuvres at an early date.

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We found everything as we had left it, except that our garden in front of the Mess had during our absence sprouted profusely.

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Now, alas and alack! the blooms are fading.

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Some put it to the account of dogs, and others to the odour of "cold meat," of which our abode literally reeks.

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We offer our deepest sympathy to R.S.M. and Mrs. Pullan on their recent sad bereavement and loss of their daughter Barbara, who was born 12th July and died the following day.

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Our congratulations are extended to C.Q.M.S. W. Earl and Mrs. Earl, on the arrival of a baby boy, Alan Cyril, born 11th July, 1924.

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All honour to Sgt. Curtis, on putting up so good a show at the Rhine Army Athletic Meeting.

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He was one of the Relay Team which won the 440 yards.

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We beg to congratulate Lieut. C. E. Beckwith, who did so well at the Olympic Games.

We were very glad to hear the news of his splendid performance at "Putting the Shot" for the British Empire Team *v.* U.S.A. at Stamford Bridge on the 19th July.

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He made the best Put in the team (43 ft. 0½ ins.).

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"Long" may he reign.

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"ODE TO A 'PROPOSITION.'"

(1) Here's a question; here's a query;
Please explain it for me, do.
It's a Proposition, Messmates,
It affects the whole of you.

(2) Here's a riddle; here's a poser:
I've been thinking like the deuce,
How to "break up that what's useless,"
And "destroy that what's no use."

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The following is submitted by "Our Tame Playwright." It concerns a C.Q.M.S. who turned up to breakfast one day with a closed eye.

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"AYE—AYE—SIR!"

A Comedy in Three Choruses and one Solo.

Chorus One. (Dining Members)
"Did you hear him? Did you hear him?
Hearken to the 'Quarter' swearing.

OUR CARICATURE CORNER:

N° 6 THE 'C.S.M.I.M. C.S.M. DIPPER, D.C.M.

Don't go near him? don't go near him—
Really, this is overbearing."

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Solo (Christopher Splinter, *alias* "Lack" or "A Chip of the old Block(head.")

My pain and my undignified distress
I find it is not easy to express :
Imagine my amazement—my surprise—
When I awoke to find one of my eyes
Had taken leave of absence without asking,
While I upon my lowly couch lay basking.

'Tis one and twenty-years since hearing left me,
And may you all be spared so sad a plight ;
But never did I dream to wake bereft me
Of such a useful thing as that of sight.

I can't tell how it happened—no ! not fighting,
And alcohol is not the cause—don't fear !
It must have been a hungry gnat was biting—
Alas ! I cannot see, I cannot hear.

Chorus Two. (Gentlemen of the Headquarter Wing).

Come, dry these wretched, unbecoming tears ;
Sight will return if not the use of ears ;
Talk contrary to this is but a rumour—
Come, please assume your usual good humour.

Chorus Three. (Full.)

Keep it closed, Sir, give it rest, Sir,
Truly gnats are devilish pests, Sir !
You're not blinded, tho' you say so ;
Why do gnats such rude pranks play so ?
Shut your eye, Sir ; please don't spy, Sir,'
Or you'll lose it by and by, Sir.
Pray don't fret, Sir ; just forget, Sir,
Or you'll put us all in debt, Sir.
Just go sick, don't be afraid, Sir
Cheerio—We're for parade, Sir.

Solo. (C.S.A. "L" or "A C O T O B (h) .")

As they depart.

If I can't see on Friday, I'm afraid there'll be Nix gelt !
You'll have to do the same as me, and that is :—
"Tighten your Belt."

Chorus in distance.

Oh, woe are we ! oh, lack-a-day !
How can we do without our pay ?

Curtain.

A.H.M.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

July, 1924.

For this month's classical quotation please see the concluding paragraph of last month's notes.

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We returned to find our "spiritual home" rejuvenated. The golf-course has been re-turfed, new clubs provided, and, marvel of marvels, real green chalk has been issued for polishing the mashie-niblicks. So that the walls of the billiard room are no longer punctured.

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The rumour that the G.O.C.-in-C. was going to inspect *all* Institutes may have accelerated matters a bit—one never knows, and we aren't saying—however, we exist very comfortably.

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In camp, and since, we have welcomed so many new members to our circle, that it is impossible, for lack of space, to mention them all severally. We hope that they will accept our wholesale wishes for their comfort and speedy advancement.

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There is considerable "draught" about forthgoing "drafts." Certain persons are wondering, not to say quivering—(I dislike that allusion to the "top-line"—which I have never yet fathomed)—about the duration of their tenure of allotted or occupied territory. The older members do not fail to profit by the opportunity for seemly and seasonable advice.

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New problems face us every moment. Who is for :—

(1) Coblenz.
(2) G.H.Q. Guard.
(3) Longerich.
(4) Domestic Duty.
(5) Garrison Employ.
(6) Quarter Guard.
(7) Canteen.
(8) Gate.
(9) Coffee Bar.
(10) B.252.*

Add the above up, multiply by two, divide by a piece of string, and you arrive at the date of the new moon. Hence a parade state.

* All available.

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After Wahn and Leidenhausen, Cologne is found to be inexpressibly dull. There is none of that nervous expectancy with which one watched the detail board to be seen. Everyone *knows* that Saturday *will* be a half-holiday, and the three Corporals who are not on duty on that day are too bored even to find out if they may go home.

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Brigade Training comes off shortly, but that is in the direction of gods so far above us that we dare only to whisper the word. We do not wish, like the ostrich, to bury our stupid heads in the sand, but if there happens to be a convenient dug-out ——

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Who set the music to the funeral service over Paddy's crossed guns ? And why, besides being buried, were the poor things subsequently drowned ?

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"There is a tide in the affairs of men
Which, taken at the flood, goes on the tack !"

Enough ! B.

CRICKET NOTES.

The prospects of being able to play even a moderate amount of cricket, faded away very early again this year, primarily by the fact that the Battalion, from early in May to the middle of July, was out of Cologne, and is about to go out again for some weeks on manœuvres ; and, secondly, owing to the concentrated attacks of Horse Shows, Rifle Meetings, and other Rhine Army festivities.

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With the feats of the Athletic and Swimming teams as an inspiration of what to do in spite of the lack of practice, we have at the time of writing managed to get into the semi-final of the "A" Cup Competition: this is the knock-out competition for the larger units of the garrison, the eight Infantry Battalions, K.D.G.'s, R.A., R.E., R.A.S.C.

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In the first round we drew a bye. In the second round we were up against the R.A.S.C. Without knowing what the feel of a bat was like, the team came into Cologne in box cars, and "if" this had happened, "if" that had happened, etc., etc., or in other words had we held the 14 catches that were put up, instead of dropping 11 of them, the result would have been very different; as it was, the match was unfinished, and by the rules of the competition had to be replayed. The second time we made no mistake.

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By the time these notes are written again we hope to be able to record a victory over the 60th Rifles in the semi-final and the R.A. in the final.

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On 19th of July we had a friendly match *v.* the Cologne C.C. Various duties broke up our original side, and rain broke up the ground, but we managed to finish an enjoyable match, in which, however, we were defeated.

COLOGNE C.C.

T. Palmer, b Obey	9
R. Gibson, c Obey, b Arkwright	8
J. Acheson, c Gale, b Walsh	37
R. Parvin, b Arkwright	64
J. Darrah, b Arkwright	23
H. King-Stephens, b Arkwright	25
J. Symonds, b Arkwright	0
N. Leech, b Arkwright	0
R. Liddell, c Obey	3
T. Byles, not out	1
H. Clutton, b Obey	2
Extras	12
Total	184

5TH FUSILIERS.

Capt. Pemberton, b Symonds	1
Lieut. Crawhall, c Acheson, b Palmer	0
Capt. Arkwright, c Symonds, b Byles	65
Lieut. Butterfield, lbw, b Liddell	12
Cpl. Obey, c Palmer, b Byles	0
Lieut. Newstead, b Byles	30
Lieut. Collingwood, b Byles	2
C./Sgt. Gale, run out	3
Fus. Gilbey, b Palmer	4
Sgt. Walsh, b Palmer	0
C.Q.M.S. Woods, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	126

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"A" Knock-out Competition, Played on 14th June, 1924.

FIFTH FUSILIERS V. R.A.S.C.

R.A.S.C.

S.S.M. Sibbald, b Arkwright	0
Major Airey, b Obey	10
Lieut. Thurling Blackwell, run out	93
Pte. Dempster, c Baker, b Kilgour	2
Lieut. Walch, c Butterfield, b Arkwright	44
Lce.-Cpl. Sherriff, c Kilgour, b Arkwright	21
Lt.-Col. Sydney Turner, b Arkwright	0
Sgt. Allbury, c Kilgour, b Baker	38
S/Sgt. Airey, c Hackett, b Bland	17
Pte. Weller, c Hackett, b Bland	15
S.Q.M.S. Blease, not out	2
Extras	20
Total	262

Capt. Arkwright 4 for 59, Lieut. Kilgour 1 for 47, Cpl. Obey 1 for 28, 2nd-Lieut Bland 2 for 62, Cpl. Brown 0 for 13.

5TH FUSILIERS.

Capt. Pemberton, b Thurling Blackwell	10
Lieut. Crawhall, lbw, b Airey	9
2nd-Lieut. McMullen, c and b Allbury	78
Lieut. Kilgour, b Blease	40
Capt. Arkwright, not out	25
Lieut. Butterfield, not out	7
Extras	5
Total (for 4 wkts.)	174

2/Lt. Bland, Cpls. Brown, Hackett and Obey, Fus. Baker did not bat.
Match declared a draw.

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"A" Knock-out Competition, Played on 22nd June, 1924.

FIFTH FUSILIERS V. R.A.S.C. (REPLAY).

R.A.S.C.

1ST INNINGS.

Lieut. Thurling Blackwell, c and b Jones	30
Major Airey, c and b Kilgour	7
Pte. Dempster, b Arkwright	0
Lieut. Walch, b Kilgour	1
Sgt. Allbury, lbw, b Kilgour	6
Lce.-Cpl. Sheriff, b Obey	6
Lt.-Col. Sydney Turner, c Collingwood, b Arkwright	37
S/Sgt. Airey, run out	35
Q.M.S. Moody, c McMullen, b Collingwood	6
Pte. Weller, b Arkwright	0
Q.M.S. Blease, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	137

Capt. Arkwright 3 for 43, Lt. Kilgour 3 for 41, Cpl. Obey 1 for 16, 2nd-Lt. Jones 1 for 16, Lce.-Cpl. Baker 0 for 9, 2nd-Lt. Collingwood 1 for 3.
Fall of wickets: 1—17, 2—18, 3—19, 4—27, 5—52, 6—66, 7—124, 8—135, 9—135, 10—137.

5TH FUSILIERS.

1ST INNINGS.

Capt. Pemberton, run out	1
Lieut. Crawhall, c Moody, b T. Blackwell	34
2nd-Lt. McMullen, lbw, b Airey	104
Lieut. Kilgour, b T. Blackwell	73
Capt. Arkwright, b T. Blackwell	25
Lieut. Butterfield, c S. Turner, b Airey	4
2nd-Lt. Jones, c Walch, b T. Blackwell	10
2nd-Lt. Collingwood, b Airey	2
2nd-Lt. Bland, b Airey	0
Cpl. Obey, b T. Blackwell	15
Lce.-Cpl. Baker, not out	4
Extras	6
Total	278

Lieut. T. Blackwell 5 for 103, Lt.-Col. Sydney Turner 0 for 48, Sgt. Airey 4 for 55, Q.M.S. Blease 0 for 13, Sgt. Allbury 0 for 42.
Fall of wickets: 1—2, 2—46, 3—152, 4—196, 5—212, 6—245, 7—250, 8—250, 9—266, 10—278.

R.A.S.C.

2ND INNINGS.

Lce.-Cpl. Sherriff, c and b Kilgour	9
Sgt. Allbury, b Arkwright	0
Major Airey, c Arkwright, b Kilgour	12
Lieut. Thurling Blackwell, b Kilgour	30

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Lieut. Walch, b Arkwright	109
Lt.-Col. Sydney Turner, c Arkwright, b Kilgour	13
Sgt. Airey, c Arkwright, b Kilgour	33
Pte. Dempster, c and b Kilgour	4
Extras	7
Total (for 8 wickets)	*217

Innings declared. Q.M.S. Blease, Q.M.S. Moody and Pte. Weller did not bat.
Capt. Arkwright 2 for 76, Lieut. Kilgour 6 for 67, Cpl. Obey 0 for 19, 2nd-Lieut Bland 0 for 16, Lce.-Cpl. Baker 0 for 20, 2nd-Lieut. Collingwood 0 for 17.
Fall of wickets: 1—1, 2—19, 3—22, 4—103, 5—135, 6—212, 7—217.

5TH FUSILIERS.

2ND INNINGS.

Capt. Pemberton, b Thurling Blackwell	0
Lieut. Crawhall, b Allbury	4
2nd-Lieut. McMullen, not out	28
Lieut. Kilgour, not out	49
Total (for 2 wickets)	81

Capt. Arkwright, Lieut. Butterfield, 2nd-Lieuts. Jones, Collingwood and Bland, Cpl. Obey and Lce.-Cpl. Baker did not bat.
5th Fusiliers won by 8 wickets.

B.A.O.R. ATHLETIC SPORTS MEETING.

The B.A.O.R. Inter-Unit Athletic Sports Meeting was held on the P. and R.T. School ground at Rhiel, on 4th and 5th July. The meeting was run on the same lines as all previous B.A.O.R. Athletic Meetings—namely in the form of relays. Each unit entered a team of four for each event, with the exception of the High Jump, Long Jump and Putting the Shot, the entries for these being limited to two representatives per unit. Points towards the championship were awarded as follows:—

Winners of an event	4 points.
2nd place	3 points.
3rd place	2 points.
4th place	1 point.

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The meeting held this year was characteristic for the general keenness and competition displayed by all units competing, and the timing of the majority of the events show a great improvement on the form displayed last year. The Regimental Sports Team is to be congratulated on a very excellent performance. The fact that the meeting was held while the Battalion was still in camp at Leidenhausen, in the midst of the Annual Musketry Classification, during which time there were no facilities for training, was a handicap in itself, and the performance of the Regimental Team under the circumstances is rendered still more praiseworthy. Excitement increased as the afternoon wore on, and the struggle for first place was carried on up to the very last race of the meeting. The final placings for the first four units were:—

1.	Cameron Highlanders	29½ points.
2.	5th Fusiliers	26½ points.
3.	D.C.L.I.	24 points.
4.	York and Lancs.	14 points.

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Our outstanding successes were in the 100 Yards Relay, 220 Yards Relay, 440 Yards Relay, 120 Yards Hurdles Relay, and Putting the Shot, in all of which events we had the distinction of gaining first place; while in the High Jump we shared the honours for 1st place with the Cameron Highlanders. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Beckwith for returning to Cologne from England, where he had been training with the British Olympic Team, to help us in our successes. His assistance was of extreme value, and there is still a certain amount of consternation and speculation among the Army of the Rhine as to how he managed to hurl 14 stone of beef and brawn over a bar 5 ft. 8 ins. from the ground ! ! We wish him the very best of luck in the Olympic Games.

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A word of praise also to Mr. Kilgour, who represented the Battalion in no fewer than six events and never once did he fail to distinguish himself. Our sincere thanks are also due to Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt for his trouble and perseverance with the long-distance teams. The success of the team in the Mile Relay was truly a notable achievement. Special mention must also be made of the work of Sgt. Blakey with the Tug-of-War Team. His keenness and energy, under difficult circumstances, were absolutely untiring, and in this respect he was ably backed up by the Tug-of-War Team. Their failure to reach the semi-final after a brave display in two preceding rounds must be attributed almost entirely to lack of experience.

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One word of comment before we end these notes. It has been very obvious during the last few years that the weakness in our Battalion Athletic Teams has always been in the long distance events. Now, there is no reason whatsoever why we should be forced to deplore this fact year after year. That talent for long-distance running does exist in the Battalion, there is no doubt, but for some unknown reason it refuses to show itself. Many well-known trainers have pointed out that long-distance runners are not *born* so, but are *made* so, and statistics have proved that the qualifications of a long-distance runner depended 25 per cent. on himself and 75 per cent. on *training*.

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The results, timings of the various events, and the teams which represented the Battalion in each event, are appended below:—

100 *Yards Relay*.—(1) 5th Fusiliers; (2) D.C.L.I.; (3) York and Lancs.; (4) Cameron Highlanders.
5th Fusiliers: Mr. Kilgour, Mr. Beckwith, Lce.-Cpl. Obey, Lce.-Cpl. Power.
Time: 43 2/5 secs.

220 *Yards Relay*.—(1) 5th Fusiliers; (2) D.C.L.I.; (3) York and Lancs.; (4) Cameron Highlanders.
5th Fusiliers: Mr. Kilgour, Mr. Beckwith, Lce.-Cpl. Obey, Lce.-Cpl. Power.
Time: 1 min. 37 3/5 secs.

440 *Yards Relay*.—(1) 5th Fusiliers; (2) York and Lancs.; (3) Cameron Highlanders; (4) K.O.Y.L.I.
5th Fusiliers: Mr. Kilgour, Sgt. Curtis, Lce.-Cpl. Power, Fus. Humphrey.
Time: 3 mins. 42 secs.

880 *Yards Relay*.—(1) Cameron Highlanders; (2) D.C.L.I.; (3) K.O.Y.L.I.; (4) Rhine Signal Coy.
5th Fusiliers: Mr. Carr-Ellison, Lce.-Cpl. Cook, Fus. Warren, Fus. Humphrey.
Time: 8 mins. 49 2/5 secs.

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1 *Mile Team Race.*—(1) D.C.L.I.; (2) Cameron Highlanders; (3) Rhine Signal Coy.; (4) 5th Fusiliers.

5th Fusiliers: Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, Lce.-Cpl. Ashton, Fus. Warren, Fus. Macarthy.

Time: 4 mins. 51 secs.

3 *Miles Team Race.*—(1) D.C.L.I.; (2) Cameron Highlanders; (3) Rhine Signal Coy.; (4) Royal Tank Corps.

5th Fusiliers: Mr. Bland, Fus. Jarmain, Fus. Maclaine, Fus. Caygill.

Time: 16 mins. 16 1/5 secs.

120 *Yards Hurdles Relay.*—(1) 5th Fusiliers; (2) D.C.L.I.; (3) Cameron Highlanders; (4) K.R.R.C.

5th Fusiliers: Mr. Kilgour, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Carr-Ellison, Mr. Jones.

Time: 1 min. 16 secs.

High Jump.—(1) 5th Fusiliers and Cameron Highlanders (tie for 1st place); (2) 60th Rifles.

5th Fusiliers: Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Kilgour.

Height: 10 ft. 7 ins.

Long Jump.—(1) Cameron Highlanders; (2) D.C.L.I.; (3) 5th Fusiliers; (4) K.O.Y.L.I.

5th Fusiliers: Mr. Kilgour, Lce.-Cpl. Urwin.

Distance: 39 ft. 7½ ins.

Putting the Shot.—(1) 5th Fusiliers; (2) York and Lancs.; (3) Cameron Highlanders; (4) Rhine Signal Coy.

5th Fusiliers: Mr. Beckwith, Cpl. Kirby.

Distance: 76 ft. ½ in.

Tug-of-War.—1st Round: 5th Fusiliers beat King's Dragoon Guards. Second Round: Military Police beat 5th Fusiliers.

W. P. JONES.

The Rhine Army Aquatic Sports were held at Hungersdorf Stadium on the 1st and 2nd July. Owing to the Battalion being at camp, only two trials could be arranged, and the Team was selected from the results of these.

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In all the following events each unit was allowed to enter three competitors, and in the 50 Yards Team Relay four men. The result of the competition was as follows:—

(1) 1st Batt. K.R.R.C. (60th Rifles).
(2) Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery.
(3) Royal Army Medical Corps and 5th Fusiliers.
(4) D.C.L.I.

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As fourteen units competed, this result was very creditable, and all competitors are to be congratulated on the excellent performances they put up, several of whom had gruelling races for the first four places in the finals.

Scoring: (1) 4 points; (2) 3 points; (3) 2 points; (4) 1 point in each final.

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50 *Yards Race.*—All our three reached the final, which produced a very fast race and close finish:—Fus. Cornwall, 5th; Fus. Cooney, 6th; Fus. Good, 7th—out of ten.

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In the 100 Yards Race we were represented by the same team as above. Fusilier Cooney secured 3rd place and gained 2 points for us. Both Fus. Cornwall and Fus. Good reached the final. Out of ten.

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In the 440 Yards Race we were represented by Fus. Wallis, Fus. Richardson and Fus. Graham, none of whom reached the final, although the first two each obtained 3rd place in their heats. Only 1st two in each heat to final.

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In the 50 Yards Relay we were represented by Fus. Cooney, 2nd-Lt. W. P. Jones, Fus. Good, Fus. Cornwall, and obtained 3rd place, which was very good, especially as three of our team had been swimming in a number of heats for other races. We got 2 points for this event.

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In the 20 Yards Life Saving Race none of our competitors reached the final, although all looked well set for a long-distance race. Many thanks are due to the bravery and endurance in difficulties displayed by the long-suffering dummies who were alternately ducked or totally submerged.

Competitors: Lt. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, Fus. Watson, Lce.-Cpl. Gelder.

Dummies: Lce.-Cpl. Fenn, Fus. Etheridge, Fus. Fox.

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In the Breast Stroke 50 Yards our competitors looked as if they had the race well in hand for the first 10 yards, after this they died away, and failed to come through with any final bursts.

Team: 2nd-Lt. W. P. Jones, Lt. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, Lce.-Cpl. Naylor.

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In the 50 Yards Back Stroke, Fusrs. Cooney, Cornwall and Good all reached the final, but did not compete in the final, on the advice of the Swimming Committee, owing to having other finals in which to take part.

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In the Diving Competition, Fus. Lord obtained a very useful 3 points for us, by gaining 2nd place. Fus. Swan got into the final ten; and Lce.-Cpl. Gelder was only 1 pt. behind with 12th place.

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In the Plunging Competition, Fus. Cornwall got in the first ten, but could not gain any of the first four places. Fus. Graham and Lce.-Cpl. Naylor also did well.

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Our Water Polo team was as follows:—

Lieut. F. H. Butterfield (*goal*).
2nd-Lieut. W. P. Jones (*back*).
Fus. Parker (*back*).
Lce.-Cpl. Naylor (*half*).
Fusrs. Cooney, Cornwall, Etheridge (*forwards*).

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Our team, although inexperienced, played up wonderfully well, and were only beaten 3—0 by the D.C.L.I., who were an experienced team. The team found it a very strenuous game, and are all to be congratulated on the excellent show, especially Mr. Butterfield, whose display in goal was perfectly splendid after saving shot after shot and usually submerging after jumping up, came to the surface just in time for the next shot,

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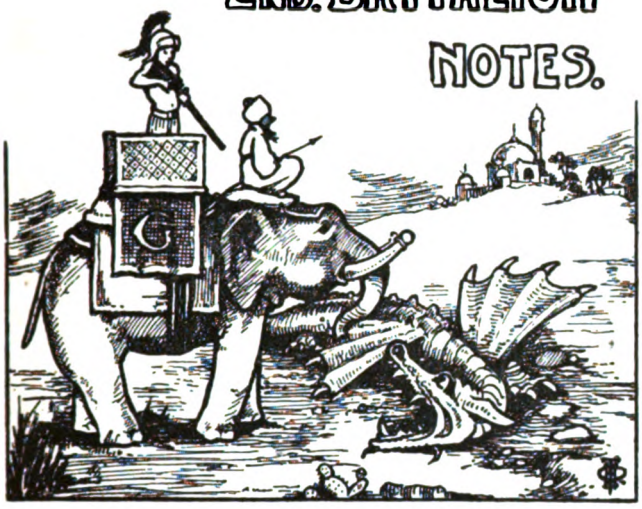
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,
19th June, 1924.

To begin with, we must offer our apologies to all those who sent wires to the Battalion on St. George's Day. The list was, unfortunately, omitted from our last notes.

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Wires were received from the following :—Depôt : 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions ; Major-Gen. Wilkinson ; Cols. Heard, Enderby and Mrs. Enderby, Moulton Barrett, Ainslie, Leverson, Cruddas and Mrs. Cruddas, Herbert ; Col. Sandilands and Officers at Ranikhet ; Majors Stephen and Mrs. Stephen, Platt, Chenevix-Trench, St. John ; Capts. Redwood and Steele ; Lieut. Griffiths ; Old Comrades Club, London ; Capt. Stewart, R.A.M.C. ; Mr. A. J. Hopkinson, I.C.S.

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Little has occurred to break the monotony of Fyzabad since last we wrote. The Band and St. George's Minstrels are in the hills ; the cinema, after a long and painful illness, has now passed away. We have hopes, however, that our new contractor may provide rather better value for our money.

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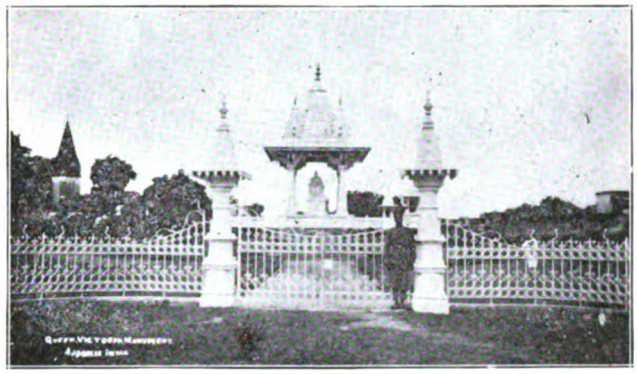
Games consist mostly of friendly football and hockey matches between our own companies and companies of 1st Royal Batt. 9th Jat Regiment and the 9th Battery R.F.A. With the thermometer still well over 100 at 5.30 p.m., these require some energy. A second Garrison Hockey match, Officers *v.* Rest, resulted in a win for the Officers by 1—0 ; the third, on 7th May, resulted in a decisive victory for the Officers by 5 goals to 1.



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"B" Company and "D" Company have both completed musketry in Fyzabad, with considerable improvement on last year's scores.

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The weather has warmed up considerably the last few days, and we shall welcome the arrival of the rains, said to be well on their way.

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Shooting has practically ceased, save for an occasional party after *nilghai* : we fancy some of the sportsmen must find it rather expensive ; bullocks cost such a lot, even in India, when one happens to shoot a brace when aiming at *nilghai*.

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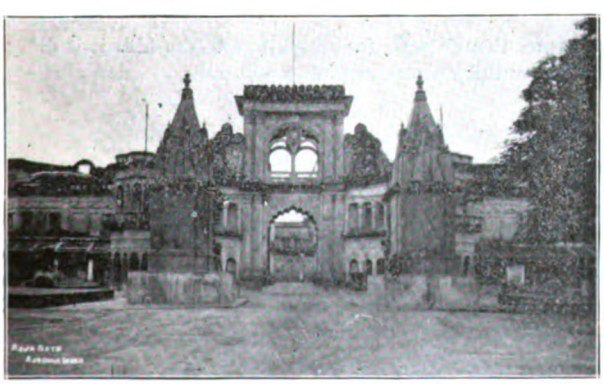
The large monkey, head of the family living near the Fyzabad Married Quarters, is no more. The hot weather was apparently too much for his uncertain temper, and he has recently been



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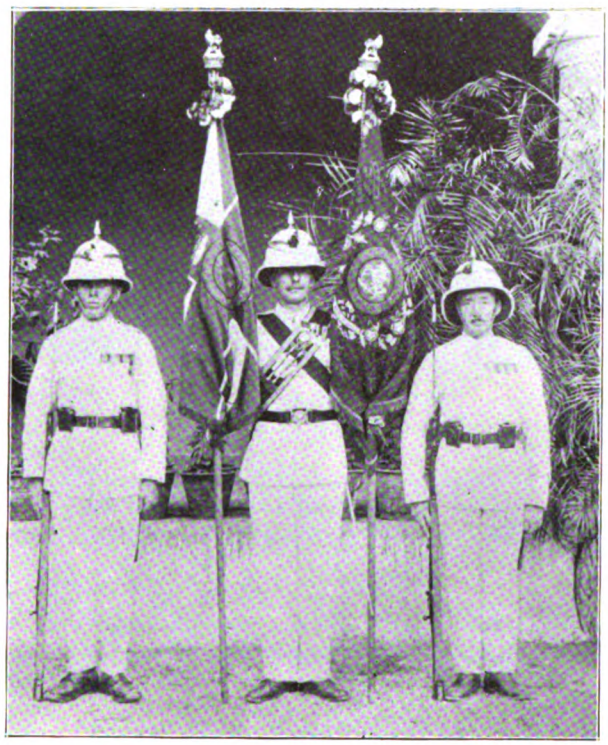
indulging in the pastime of chasing bicyclists and biting orderly corporals in the leg. He was accordingly "executed" last



THE "COLOURS" AND ESCORT, ST. GEORGES' BALL, 1924.

Saturday morning, after a long chase, in which he gave an admirable display of the art of taking cover.

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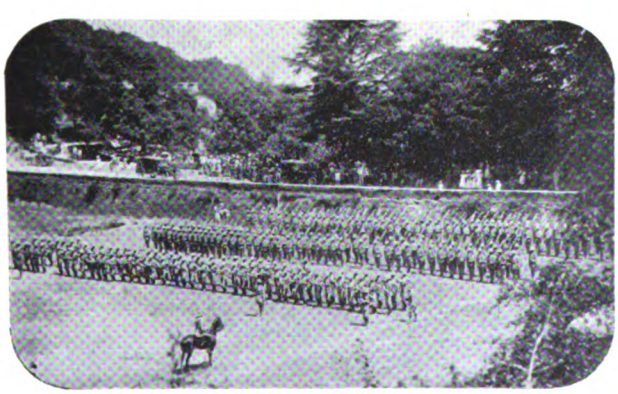
The hot weather, after letting us down lightly during May, has now set in in earnest; the shade temperature has reached 110, the hottest recorded in Fyzabad—at any rate for the last



RANIKHET DETACHMENT (KING'S BIRTHDAY, 1924).

five years; for the last few days the air has been very damp, and night temperature has not gone below 90.

The rains, which were expected early, seem to have got hung up somewhere in the South; their arrival will be very welcome.

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The melting of the snows in the Himalayas is nearly a month late, due to the unusually cold weather in the hills: during the last few days, however, the snow waste has been coming down, and the River Gogra has risen over 6 ft. already.

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Patterson Park Tennis Club is going strong: so many members have joined, that it has been found necessary to lay out two more courts, which should be ready for play soon after the rains.

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We are entering a team for the Narayan Football Shield at

Photo by] [*Cpl. W. Young.*

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE LATE C.Q.M.S. W. SHIFLEY, M.M., TAKEN IN TENNIS KIT A WEEK BEFOKE HIS DEATH.

Cawnpore, though with 300 men away to the hills it is difficult to pick anything like a representative side.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

July, 1924.

It is with a sense of deep regret that we have to refer to the death of C.Q.M.S. W. Shipley, M.M., who died of heat stroke on 16th June, contracted whilst travelling by train between Lucknow and Bareilly on the way to visit his wife and family in the Hill Station.

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The deceased was an extremely popular member of the Mess. His abilities as an organiser were very well known to both 1st and 2nd Batt. Messes. He was an athlete of some considerable reputation, and as a sprinter in his younger days ran

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in the famous Victoria Grounds at Newcastle. His practical experience on the track held him in high esteem by his colleagues, whom he was ever ready to train and advise.

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On the morning of the day of his death he left Fyzabad in cheery spirit, and it was a sad blow to us all to know that by the evening one of our most popular members had had to be laid to rest. We were unable to be present at his funeral, as it was not possible to reach Bareilly in time. We were, however, represented by The Welch Regiment. Mrs. Shipley is at present in uncertain health, and to her and their three children we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

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Full particulars of his death are not yet to hand, only telegram advice.

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The sweltering heat of the last few weeks—average temperature 110 deg.—has prevented us from persevering with the energetic side of outdoor sport, and in consequence football and hockey are very subordinate to tennis. The latter has quite become the craze amongst the "very ordinary" members of the Mess. The success with which some members are handling the racket has resulted in a series of challenges.

Phot. by] [Fus. H. Hall.

NOT A RUGBY SCRUM, BUT "D" COMPANY MARKERS GETTING A FREE ISSUE OF TEA AND WADS.

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The attraction of the Beck "lob" and the Heron "poke" are irresistible and well worth anything which Mdlle. Lenglen can serve up as an unusual type of tennis. One might have thought that they could have been compared with Tilden, but there!—with such dainty aspirants the comparison is better when made on gentler lines.

However, these two members are a real attraction, and make a "doubles" extraordinary for Tennis "At Homes."

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The 9th Battery R.F.A. provided a Tennis "At Home" during the month. The following members represented the Mess:—O.R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, C.S.M. Beck, C.Q.M.S. Davis, C.Q.M.S. Scott, Sgt.-Dmr. Brace, Sgt. Pollard, Sgt. Ward and C.Q.M.S. Shipley.

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At the conclusion of play the number of sets won was equal, but the Artillery led by 4 on games played.

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Two Billiard Tournaments have also been held—one home and one away—*versus* the 9th Battery. Both these were comfortably won by us. On the last occasion each individual player of the FIFTH won his game. The Mess were represented by O.R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, C.S.M. Hodsell, C.Q.M.S. Davis, Sgt. Bowker, Sgt. Merrin, C.Q.M.S. Willson.

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An impromptu entertainment added not a little lustre to the proceedings.

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The moonlight nights have been responsible for much. Our nightly Alfresco Entertainment is a dreamy concoction destined to eclipse the celebrated Music Hall Speciality, "The Ten Loonies," 'though the number is reduced to two. Very ably assisted with the gramophone and an array of thirsty members, they specialise in anything from the emotional to the giddy and graceful evolutions of terphiscorean art.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

22nd July, 1924.

Twenty-two bands played during the match between Captain Baxter's XI. and the Depôt, and, as they say in the papers, "added in no small measure to the afternoon's enjoyment." As each one in turn played the same selection, however, even the "Pirates of Penzance" began to pall after the first XI. had been dismissed, and not only that, but it had a marked effect on the play. If we had sufficient space to print the score book and the band programme side by side, you would realise at once that the stumps of Mr. Graham, Army Dental Corps, for instance, would not have been so painlessly extracted had it not been for the peculiarly soothing and soporific effect of the tune at that moment being played—and so on.

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Our chief point is, however, how many Depôts can say that they have anything like this number of bands to entertain them on Wednesday afternoons? They may raise one or two perhaps, but our standard is "one man one band," or more technically, "one band per yard of pitch"—rather like the concentration of guns on the Western Front at the end of the war. Pretty well, trombone to trombone.

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The bands were accommodated in the Leazes Park, and the best one was given a prize and the right to call itself "The Prize Band." We don't know who won.

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The official entrance to the games ground (not the Badajos-like breaches in other parts of the wall made by small boys) is

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thronged daily with newly-married couples gazing wistfully a that bijou residence which has sprung up in the time it takes their own pet bricklayers to lay a brick. How happy they could be in a house like that—with no horrid water rates, no gas, electric light, or coal bills, no dangerous drains ! How they wish they could " take possession " ! But, of course, they can't, because it's our cricket pavilion.

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Standing on its own grounds, with a sunny southern aspect, and accommodation for about 30 without crowding, this handsome edifice is at once an ornament to the playing field and a monument to the energy of its erectors—as the local papers have omitted to state so far.

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Captain Baxter was the chief erector, helped by the voluntary labour of a few enthusiasts, and the involuntary labour of a few others who weren't. We are sorry we have no pictures of the completed pavilion, so that the world might see how unnecessary these builders—the sort that strike—are to welfare, when it can get amateurs for nothing.

The statement re picture is not quite correct. A perfectly good photograph of a perfectly rotten-looking shanty, entitled " Photo of Depôt Cricket Pavilion," was sent us by Mr. Cosman, independently of any note on the matter, and we decided, perhaps too hastily, that the W.P.B. was its spiritual home, and forthwith consigned it to that receptacle.—(EDITOR.)

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There has not been much activity in barracks during the past month. The Training Cadre went into camp at Ripon with the Territorial Fifth, from 22nd June to 5th July, and was attached to the 7th Battalion during their stay. After a strenuous fortnight of demonstrations and expeditions to Harrogate it returned filled with wonder at the standard which our Territorial Battalions reach with such a small amount of training, and in spite of the enormous difficulties with which they have to contend.

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With the detached view that we get at the Depôt, and knowing both the Regular and the Territorial Battalions, it is interl esting to compare them and to realise how alike they are in al the essential points that go to make up a Fifth Fusilier. It is a pity that the two parts of the Regiment see so little of one another, as each could learn a great deal from the other.

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If there is one thing in particular in which the Territorial Fifth excel, it is in the exercise of hospitality, as all ranks of the Training Cadre discovered again last month. They wish to thank all four Battalions, and especially the 7th, with whom they were actually messing, for their many kindnesses to them in camp.

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On the last day of camp, the Brigadier, Col. H. Morant, D.S.O., in his address to the Brigade, thanked the Cadre for their work, and said he was pleased with what they had done.

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The Cadre again cut a dash, the other day, down at Ripon where the Area competition for the Maxse Cup was held. Major Booth, D.S.O., Captain Baxter, Mr. Trenam, M.B.E, M.C., and Mr. Forbes-Watson went down as spectators, the members of the Cadre being Mr. Thomas, M.C., and Sergts. Allen, Finnamore, McCarthy, George and Cogan.

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The fact that the spectators, 5th Fusiliers, beat the spectators, East Yorkshire Regiment, at " slosh " on the night before the competition, was taken as a good omen, but our luck did not hold, and we were eventually third in the competition, being beaten by the Green Howards and the Durham Light Infantry.

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A Cadre competition is an amusing thing from the point of view of one not taking part in it. The spectators gather together and say : " Of course, it's not a fair test of efficiency, you know ; take my Depôt, for instance, we're all right in barracks, of course, but on these shows—well—I mean to say, its different, isn't it ? " Everyone thoroughly agrees, and goes away convinced that his Depôt is the best anyhow, even though it was last.

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The outstanding event of the morning was the small demonstration given by the expert who was judging drill, after the competition was over. To bring a squad, already completely at ease, to the at-ease position, was the problem which he set himself, and solved, to everyone's satisfaction.

Photo by] [*E. Gosman.*

DEPOT CRICKET TEAM, 1924.

SGT. COGAN, LCE.-CPL. BURNS, LCE.-CPL. PURCELL.
SGT. FINNAMORE, CAPT. BAXTER, LIEUT. THOMAS, C.S.M. O'HARA.
LCE.-CPL. PYLE, SGT. THOMPSON, CPL. FORBES, LCE.-CPL. MASSEY.

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Captain Baxter, who is going on leave in August, has been carrying out a preliminary reconnaisance of the West Coast of Scotland lately, the operation being based, as far as can be gathered, on or about the Mull of Kintyre. The fever of unrest is abroad, and strange tales are going about. Grouse like flocks of starlings ! Rabbits that you've got to kick out of the way as you walk, and all that sort of thing. Then there's the island, which has a distillery and an hotel on it, and no other habitation (which sounds like the Millenium) and—shortly afterwards—the car that jumped a hedge and pulled up on the road on the other side a few inches from a precipice. Go to the Mull, and see life.

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A rehearsal promotion examination for those in the Garrison who are shortly going in for their practical tactics, was organised by Col. Gayer Anderson, R.F.A., and carried out on the 12th. Several of us who are not yet considering such a solemn step, were also invited to attend, and enjoyed all the excitement, with none of the danger, warring with the examiners. We defeated them with great loss, one Gunner getting a "D" and all passing with the exception of the man who talked about "that red-headed house." But he had obviously just been dragged out of some fastness in Redesdale, before he could go completely native. It was all he could do to prevent himself from saying "Yon red-heided hoose."

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The tennis court in front of the Officers' Mess has been mown, and marked and netted, but seems much too sacred to be played on. Still, it's a good court, and in wet weather can be, and is, transformed into two ornamental lakes while you wait.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Our usual monthly Whist Drive and Dance was held in the Mess, on Friday, 18th July. Results of Whist Drive were :—*Ladies* : Mrs. Donaldson, 68th, 1st ; Mrs. Gray, 68th, 2nd ; Mrs. Grecher, R.F.A., booby. *Gentlemen* : Sgt. George, 5th Fus., 1st ; Sgt. Speed, 5th Fus., 2nd.

MOTHERS' UNION CONCERT AND OUTING.

On 7th July a concert was given in aid of the Army Branch of the Mothers' Union, in the Royal Artillery Theatre. This proved a huge success, the theatre being crowded.

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The proceeds of the concert enabled the members of the Mothers' Union to have an enjoyable char-a-banc trip on 9th July, with refreshments and sports, in the most glorious weather.

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The ladies who carried off the prizes were :—

Skipping.—Mrs. Speed, 5th Fus., 1st ; Mrs. Hayes, 68th, 2nd ; Mrs. Graham, 68th, 3rd ; Mrs. Galton, R.A.M.C., 4th.

Threading the Needle Race.—Mrs. Twigg, R.F.A., 1st ; Mrs. Bartlett, R.F.A., 2nd ; Mrs. Norman, R.F.A., 3rd ; Mrs. Goecher, R.F.A., 4th.

Sprint Race.—Mrs. Johnson, 68th, 1st ; Mrs. Gray, 68th, 2nd Mrs. Irving, 68th, 3rd.

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Our thanks must go to C.S.M. O'Hara, who produced such a grand programme, numbering some 21 items.

DEPÔT GAMES NOTES.

CRICKET.

RECRUIT COMPANY *v.* DEPÔT STAFF.—Scores : Recruit Company, 50 and 79 = 129 ; Depôt Staff, 125 and 9 for no wickets. Depôt Staff won by 10 wickets. For the Recruit Company, Fus. Pyle 31 ; for the Depôt Staff, Capt. Powell 39, Sgt. Finnamore 39.

CAPT. BAXTER'S XI. *v.* DEPÔT 5TH FUSILIERS.—Scores : Capt. Baxter's XI., 18 and 47 = 65 ; Depôt, 184. For the Depôt, Fus. Pyle 76, Sgt. Finnamore 29, Mr. Thomas 28 not out. Sgt. Finnamore took 5 wickets for 9 runs, and 5 wickets for 17 runs. The Depôt won by an innings and 119 runs. Dropped catches by elderly staff sergeants lead to the heavy defeat of Capt. Baxter's XI.

MAY SQUAD *v.* JUNE SQUAD.—Scores : May 36, June 39. June won by 3 runs. For June Squad, Fus. Clarkson took 6 wickets for 15 runs. For May Squad, Fus. Gladstone took 6 wickets for 23 runs.

MARRIED *v.* SINGLE.—Scores : Married 60, Single 63. Single won by 3 runs. For the single, Mr. Extras scored 22. Sgt. Finnamore took 5 wickets for 15 for the married, and Fusilier Clarkson 7 wickets for 30 for the Single.

A.B.C.'s *v.* X.Y.Z.'s.—Scores : A.B.C.'s 88 and 162 = 250, X.Y.Z.'s 38 and 28 for 5. Match drawn. For A.B.C.'s, Cpl. Forbes 34 in 1st innings, Capt. Baxter 64 in 2nd innings. Sgt. Finnamore took 6 wickets for 14 runs, and did the hat trick.

A.B.C.'s *v.* X.Y.Z.'s RETURN MATCH.—Scores : A.B.C.'s 64 and 69 ; X.Y.Z.'s 78 and 29 for no wickets. For A.B.C.'s, Capt. Baxter 24 and 34 not out ; Sgt. Finnamore 7 wickets for 36 runs. For X.Y.Z.'s, Lce.-Cpl. Pyle 32 and 14 not out ; C.S.M. O'Hara 7 wickets for 42 runs in 1st innings, Lce.-Cpl. Pyle 6 wickets for 22 in 2nd innings.

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R.A.M.C. *v.* DEPÔT 5TH FUSILIERS.

R.A.M.C.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Mr. Graham, b Finnamore	0	run out	28
Lce.-Cpl. Atkinson, b Finnamore	1	st Pyle, b Baxter	1
Lce.-Cpl. Copley, run out	2	c Finnamore, b O'Hara	2
Pte. Moore, c and b Pyle	1	b Baxter	2
Pte. Neville, c and b Finnamore	1	c George, b Burns	11
Major Yourell, b Pyle	0	not out	2
S/Sgt. Mills, b Finnamore	0	b O'Hara	0
Cpl. Roe, b Finnamore	0	st Pyle, b Baxter	1
Lce.-Cpl. English, b Pyle	1	b O'Hara	1
Pte. Coxon, c Thompson, b Pyle	3	b Baxter	4
Sgt. Usher, not out	1	st Pyle, b O'Hara	0
Extras	3	Extras	11
Totals	13	Totals	63

DEPÔT 5TH FUSILIERS.

Sgt. Thompson, A.E.C., run out	9
Mr. Thomas, b Moore	0
Sgt. Finnamore, c Moore, b Neville	28
Sgt. George, c and b Graham	7
Lce.-Cpl. Pyle, c Roe, b Moore	31
Capt. Baxter, c Graham, b Atkinson	0
C.S.M. O'Hara, c Graham, b Atkinson	6
Lce.-Cpl. Burns, run out	3
Fus. Halkier, b Roe	11
Lce.-Cpl. Massey, not out	8
Fus. Dunne, st English, b Roe	0
Extras	6
Total	109

5th Fusiliers won by an innings and 33 runs. C.M.S. O'Hara did the hat trick.

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BATTING AVERAGES.

	Runs	No. of innings.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Average.
Lce.-Cpl. Pyle	555	25	3	76	25.2
Sgt. Finnamore	448	23	2	63 not out	21.3

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Wickets.	Runs.	Average.
Sgt. Finnamore	112	489	4.4
Lce.-Cpl. Pyle	87	487	5.5
Sgt. Thompson, A.E.C.	33	181	5.5
Fus. Clarkson	12	79	6.6
Sgt. George	38	315	8.3
C.S.M. O'Hara	41	364	8.8

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4TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

HEXHAM,
23rd July, 1924.

The Battalion returned from Annual Training on Sunday,

149TH (NORTHUMBERLAND) INFANTRY BRIGADE IN CAMP, RIPON, 1924.

6th July. All ranks seem to be unanimous in the opinion that Camp this year was from all points of view an unqualified success.

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The one large fly in the ointment was the unavoidable absence of the C.O., but we were all very thankful to have so experienced an officer as Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., to step into the breach.

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The weather was, on the whole, very kind to us, and on

W.O.'S AND SERGEANTS, 4TH (T.A.) BATTALION, RIPON CAMP, 1924.

one day only had the Wet Weather Programme to be resorted to.

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The progress which the Battalion had made in training, turn-out and general efficiency since the previous Annual Training at Catterick was most satisfactory, and proves beyond doubt that all ranks are full of keenness and the right spirit, and that we are working along the right lines.

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Our greatest strength in any one day in Camp was 17 Officers and 480 other ranks, which must be considered a very satisfactory muster. There were comparatively few absentees.

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Our Honorary Colonel, Col. A. J. Foster, C.M.G., C.B.E., exhibited his usual interest in the Battalion by spending a couple of days with us and seeing the Battalion at training. He expressed himself thoroughly satisfied with all he saw.

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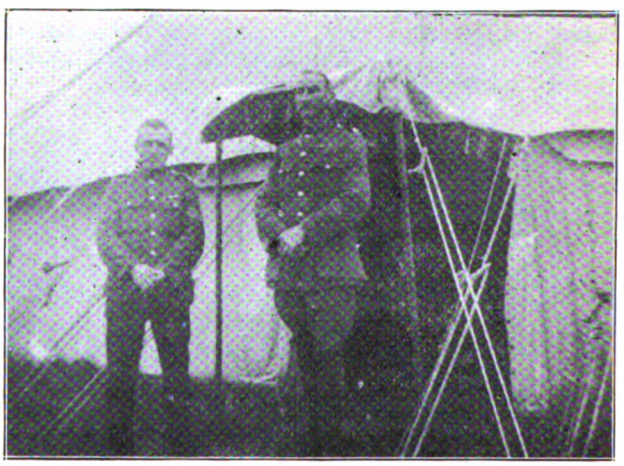
"Y" Coy. (Haltwhistle) for the fourth year in succession won the Champion Company (Col. Foster's) Cup, and retains the title of "Champion Company." This year, however, it was by no means a runaway victory, only four points separating



THE R.S.M. AND ORDERLY-ROOM-SERGEANT (R.S.M. WODEHOUSE AND SGT. ROLLINGSON). RIPON CAMP, 1924.

"Y" and "Z" Companies in the total scores. The result of the Competition was as follows:—

MILITARY EFFICIENCY.

	W.	X.	Y.	Z.
Group "A."				
March Discipline	4	—	10	6
Cleanliness of Lines	—	4	6	10
Turn-out on Parade	4	—	10	6
Guards	—	2	4	6
L.G. Handling	—	2	6	4
Physical Fitness	10	4	—	6
Field Work	—	4	6	10
Group "B."				
Sports	6	4	10	—
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Totals	24	20	52	48
Order of Merit	3rd	4th	1st	2nd

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The Band did yeoman work during the 15 days in Camp, and we congratulate Bandmaster J. Forster, D.C.M., and Band-Sgt. A. Cameron, D.C.M., on the progress made since last year.

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We must not forget to mention the "Q" Department, and to thank Captain W. Watson, M.C., R.Q.M.S. Connell, and

THE 4TH BATT. MASCOT ENJOYING A QUIET SMOKE.

Sergt. McIver and his culinary experts for the very excellent fare produced under difficult circumstances.

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Another direction in which a very marked improvement was particularly noticeable was the Officers' Mess. We were fortunate in having an excellent cook, and the Mess Staff, under the able supervision of Sergt. J. Weatheritt, M.M., worked long hours with a will and turned two marquees into a veritable "home from home" for the Officers.

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The transport under Sgt. S. Veitch carried out their duties nobly, and never let us down.

4TH BATTALION SPORTS, 1924.

SGT. WARNER, "X" COY., WINNING THE SERGEANTS' POTATO RACE.

The Brigade Cross-Country Race was won this year by the 6th Battalion, to whom we handed the Brigade Athletic Cup for safe but *temporary* keeping.

We were again successful in the Brigade Football Cup, defeating the 6th Batt. in the final by 2 goals to 1.

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On Saturday, 5th July, our Brigadier, Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., presented the Brigade Football Cup, the Champion Company Cup and the Tug-of-War Medals won by "Y" Company, and later on at a Brigade Parade presented to No. 4256073 C.S.M. E. V. Mower, of the Permanent Staff, the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

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The Battalion Sports were held at Ripon on Monday, 30th June. On the whole, the turn-out and competition was disappointing. It is hoped that next year Companies will take a greater interest in this important part of the Camp programme, and not let "Y" Company again have it all their own way.

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Companies are now arranging to complete the firing of Table "T" and the Vickers Gun Course, and the drill season will soon be over. Company Rifle Meetings will take place on local ranges, and then the Drill Halls will cease to witness much

OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS, NEWBURY DETACHMENT, RIPON CAMP, 1924.

military activity until the next series of Company classes commences in the Autumn.

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No. 4256073 C.S.M. E. V. Mower, proceeds to Netheravon on 28th July for a Qualifying Course in the Vickers Machine Gun.

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Since our return from Ripon the strength of the Battalion has dropped very considerably, owing to discharges of time-expired men and enlistments into the Regular Army. More recruits are therefore needed to fill the gaps, and Companies should make a special effort to get some more men NOW.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

"W" and "X" Companies were well represented in Camp, all the Officers and the majority of the N.C.O.'s and men being present.

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The lack of proper facilities for training during the winter months, and the very large number of recruits in both Companies,

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handicapped us a good deal at the start, so far as the Champion Company Cup was concerned, but two or three days showed a very wonderful improvement, and a vast amount of keenness was apparent everywhere.

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C.S.M. Mower is going to Netheravon on a Machine Gun Course, and C.S.M. Stuart is undertaking his duties in his absence.

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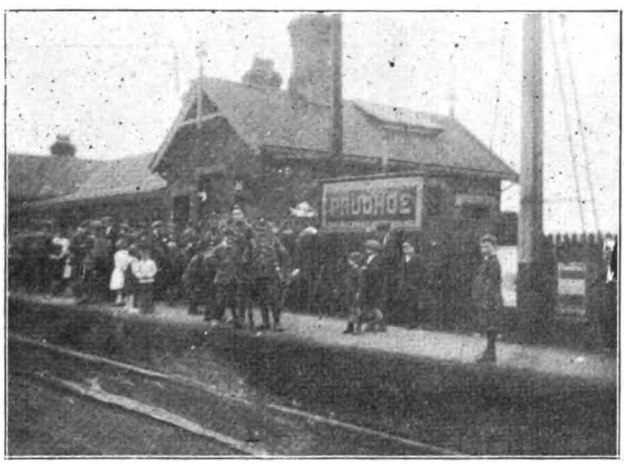
We are wondering whether this will greatly affect the rapid (?) progress of the new drill hall which C.S.M. Stuart and C.Q.M.S. Brown appear to be building between them.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Our much remarked upon modesty *almost* deters us from writing any notes at all this month. However, in spite of being accused of blowing our own trumpets we are compelled to record the fact that we have again won the title of "Champion Company," and are therefore the holders of the "Foster" Cup for another twelve months. We had a splendid fight for it, and we sincerely sympathise with "Z" Company in getting so many hard-earned marks and getting so near to us without actually winning.



"THE PRUDHOE GUARDS" ("Z" COY., 4TH BATT.) WAITING TO ENTRAIN FOR RIPON, 22ND JUNE, 1924.

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Whatever happens in the future, we will always look back on our Ripon Camp as one of the very best camps we have had, and the one which caused our hectic struggle with "Z" Company.

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The general local verdict of Ripon is that if only the fortnight could have been extended to two months everyone would have been happy.

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Personally we never had a dull moment, and except for the loss of the "Riddell" Cup the Battalion excelled itself in every way.

We had the usual enthusiastic reception on our return to

O GLANCE GENTLE READERS, IF IT REALLY WONT TROUBLE YOU,
AT THE FINE FUSILIERS OF A COMP'NY CALLED "W."
No 3 FROM THE RIGHT, IT WOULD SEEM HAS FORGOTTEN
TO PULL THRO' HIS RIFLE, HAVING LOST HIS "GUN COTTON."

Haltwhistle, and with the exception of two thirsty individuals

WE IMMORTALIZE "X" IN THIS VERSE OF OUR HYMN,
AND ITS GALLANT COMMANDER SO GRACEFUL AND SLIM
A PASSION FOR SPORTS IS THE WORST OF HIS FAULTS,
AND HIS CHARGER AT SYMPATHY TURNS SOMERSHULTS.

who were left behind at Newcastle we all reported home looking extremely well and happy.

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We wish to record our own hearty appreciation of our P.M.C. and Staff, and also our Q.M. and Staff, and can only hope that the splendid results are some slight consolation for their extremely difficult task of supplying the wants of the "inner man" of both Officers and men.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Anyhow, if we did not win anything else, we did win the Guard Mounting Competition. We must congratulate "Y" Company on again winning the Championship Cup (especially as they had to beat us to do so).

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It is reported that next year "Y" are going to bring their ferrets along—it has just dawned on them that ferrets grow fat on match-sticks and cigarette packets, hence we may see some very keen competition for "Cleanliness of Lines" in 1925. With the wind in their favour again they should work wonders.

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Next month we hope to have more news to dish out than there appears to be at the moment—truth to tell, our nerve centre is rather involved with C.O.'s pools, and so forth, at the moment, and things in consequence are a trifle quiet (except in the Company Office, where ready reckoners, etc., are in great demand.

6TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
26th July, 1924.

Our last notes were written from Camp, and by now most of us have cast off our shining armour and donned the sombre garments of peace, but some of the subalterns, we understand, have not yet recovered the rations of sleep they lost, or threw away, under canvas.

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On the whole, the camp can be voted a success; the men seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves, and the strenuous marching and good feeding worked miracles, and a more bronzed, soldierly and cheerier looking body of troops than those dismissed at St. George's Drill Hall, on Sunday, the 6th July, would be difficult to imagine.

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There is a true saying that "good marching signifies good discipline," and no more need be said so far as this Battalion is concerned, than to mention the fact that from the head of the column the buttons of the Second-in-Command's tunic could always be clearly seen, each one doing its duty and "taking the strain" most manfully.

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Our hopes expressed in your last number were badly extinguished when the 4th Battalion defeated us in the final of the Brigade Football Cup. The field of operations was a non-cut hayfield, in which the 4th Battalion, displaying better pace, skill and adaptability, defeated us by 2—1 after a good match. Congratulations to them—we always have a warm corner for the men from Prudhoe and Newburn, fighters all and strong in limb and tongue. The early morning caresses of a Prudhoe sergeant to his platoon, as heard from a certain Officer's tent, would fuze even a wireless set!

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Our Battalion Sports took place on the last day, and "B" Company won the Cup very easily. Hearty congratulations, but whether we can congratulate the Bolshevistic behaviour of their enthusiastic Commander is a very doubtful point. We would rather condole with him on his being led away by the undue influence of a flippant and frivolous field officer, obviously overwrought by the strain and strife of a strange and unaccustomed environment.

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The Duke of Northumberland's Cup was won by the H.Q. Company commanded by Captain Percy Parmeter. The latter has worked wonders, and we think the fact that the Pioneer Sergeant was caught shaving in one of his shovels just got him home on points. Congratulations to him, and condolences to "A" Company, who had, however, the satisfaction of being next in order of merit.

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Of the other notable events, "B" Company won the Football Cup, and "C" Company the Tug-of-War. The total girth and weight of the latter team exceeded even the expectations of their Q.M.S., and rumour hath it that Capt. Clayton has gone into strict winter training to qualify for next year's tussle.

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On Thursday, 3rd July, we had our Brigade Field Day, which, owing to the restricted nature of the country, was more in the nature of a cut-and-dried tactical exercise, and was, therefore, rather uninteresting and unreal. Lieut.-General Harrington, Commander-in-Chief, Northern Command, and his Staff were present and addressed the Officers at the completion of the exercise. His remarks were stimulating and instructive, and one now always feels that the regular soldier honestly appreciates the efforts of the Territorial and is out to help in every way he can.

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We had nearly forgotten to mention our visit on "Mess" night to the 4th. It is an awful thing to admit, but the C.O. of the 4th, in his 40th year, beat all our subalterns over the top of his own tent, and this at his own suggestion. We understand he was not the officer that scored the try in the midnight Rugger match. The hair cushion that functioned for a ball has not yet been found, although the Orderly Officer reported that the tripe rissoles at next morning's dejeuner looked unusually hairy. We must, however, really not trespass on what is obviously the Quartermaster's department.

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Speaking of the latter, we could not close these notes without a reference to our Q.M., Capt. Johnson. His department was a model of efficiency, and our troops must have been the best fed in the Brigade. The fact that we were made the dumping ground for Brigade orderlies, and other impedimenta, speaks for itself.

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Also a word to our P.M.C. for estimating the liquor supply to a pint, and feeding us like fighting cocks.

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Congratulations to Lieut. J. L. Challoner on assuming the command of "A" Company, *vice* Major G. E. Wilkinson, appointed second in command. We also understand Lieut. C. S. Graham and 2nd Lieut. J. M. L. Criddle are posted to "A" Coy., and Lieut. H. E. Wilson to H.Q. to command the "mitrailleuse" department.

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Last, but not least, the Audit Board have at last met and found all correct.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Week-end Camps.

With a view to furthering our interests and intelligence in matters military, Week-end Camps were arranged by those who count, and proved very successful. The attendance at each was very good, probably due to the fact that these camps were of the paid variety.

"B" and "C" Companies were the first to taste of these fruits, for the week ending 24th to 25th May found them at Hartley, under the command of Capt. Geo. Bell, O.C. "B" Coy. Tactical schemes were carried out in a very instructional way, the weather being all in favour of such practices.

Sunday morning was spent on an outpost scheme, which so fascinated one of our members, that even his dinner was of no consequence. This was really some sacrifice, for his powers as a "grubber" will go down into history. Further investigation by scouts under "Crown" protection, soon proved that a bird in the hand is worth an aching void any time.

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The following week-end the same billets were occupied by "A" and "D" Companies. "Headquarters Wing" moved into quarters at Gosforth Park, and everything that could be wished for was at their command, even Drummy's Canteen. We wonder if the Master Tailor's punishment fitted the crime, or whether he still intends to appeal for a new trial by the Supreme Court of Industrial "Shirkers."

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A week-end Musketry Camp proved an entire failure as far as its main object was concerned, for the weather was very unkind, rain fell in torrents the whole time, making it impossible to do any shooting. There were fatigue parties, as our Junior Signalling Sergeant can testify, and the conditions fully justified the remark that our name should be changed to the "Floating Fifth."

Ponteland has its advantages and drawbacks, especially the latter, as our P.S. can vouch for, still they ought and do appreciate the fact that there are other buses run to that health resort other than those hired for the conveyance of troops. How history repeats itself—"not though the soldiers knew, someone had blundered."

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Annual Camp.

A glimpse into our Drill Hall a week or so previous to the 22nd June would have taken one's mind back to the early days of August, 1914, more especially when looking in the direction of the Q.M.'s Store. Here our genial Q.M. and his Staff tended to the material wants of all and sundry. The replacement of worn uniforms and the issue of second suits for walking-out purposes, proved that someone had realised such measures were necessary (they had evidently seen our cooks)—hence the hustle.

The patience of Job, the motherly instincts of a workhouse matron, and the judgment of a Solomon, must be some of the many qualities possessed by the "Outfitting Dept.," for the excuses put forward to cover fair wear and tear of material issued would fill a book, and in some cases bring tears to the eyes of a potato.

Wednesday, the 18th June, saw our Advance Party leave, under the command of Capt. and Q.M. Johnson, and Capt. Parmeter, not forgetting the one and only "Chicken" of the "Crown" brand.

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The main body paraded at 7 a.m. on Sunday, the 22nd June, and proceeded to Ripon, arriving there about 11.30 a.m., to find everything more or less ready for them, thanks to the untiring efforts of the Advance Party. When we realise that the Camp had been partly occupied by the Yorkshire Dragoons, who only vacated at 12 noon on Saturday, the Advance Party had to hustle to get everything ready. When "Q" battery arrived on Saturday noon and had a look round, seeing as they did the congested state of affairs and the handicap under which the Advance Party had worked, they realised (after explanations) the chaos that faced Capt. Johnson and his party.

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The accommodation set apart for the sergeants was indeed poor, only one tent being their allotment; but by a little tact another marquee, hired from Contractors, soon found itself attached to the one already erected.

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The first week went only too quickly—the weather was really beautiful, the effects of which was easily discernable by a peep at the exposed parts of our anotomy. Of course such fine weather had its drawbacks, for it created thirsts that took some quenching. The lack of ready-money was easily overcome by the "chit" system, much to the relief of all concerned. We often wondered why tailoring was such a dry job—now we know, for our Master-Tailor has let us into the secret. The congested state of affairs had its advantages, for we were surrounded by friends. The respective messes of each battalion in the Brigade were hardly a stone's throw from each other, and our visitors and visits were many. The popularity of our Mess and its members speaks for itself - it was a favourite rendezvous for all.

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Work in the training areas was of the usual first week type, company in attack and defence work being the order of the day, bringing to light, as such training will, the efforts of budding N.C.O.'s. "One round rapid!" was a fire order issued by one who aspired to stripes, but this could be overlooked in view of another who reported that he could get no further forward owing to "invalid" fire.

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Sunday's Church Parade at Ripon Minster was great, and the March Past the Divisional and Brigade Commanders was "some" sight.

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The second week was a little more strenuous, but nevertheless, very instructive. The weather was not quite so fine as the previous week—a few showers and gale of wind coming

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as it did in the wee small hours of Friday morning, leaving its mark behind to the tune of four missing marquees down, out of five. It might have been worse, for the Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess and Q.M.'s Store would have suffered a similar fate if they had not been seen to in time.

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Friday night was our guest night, and a very enjoyable one too, with the R.S.M. in the chair everything ran on wheels. The Commanding Officer and Officers joined us about 10.15 and remained till 11.30 p.m. The "talent" was good, and our usual standard of efficiency being maintained in this respect.

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Our thanks are due to the "Bros. Rotten" for their very versatile turns, and all who contributed towards the harmony of the evening.

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Saturday was Sports Day, and "B" Company carried off the bulk of the honours, and thus won the Sports Cup. This talented Company also won the Batt. Football Cup.

Congratulations, "B" Company.

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The surprise of the fortnight was the winning of the Duke of Northumberland's Cup by "Headquarters Wing," but the glowing reports received at Batt. Hdqrs. concerning the sections who go to make up this Wing could not be ignored. Each section excelled itself, and we must congratulate the Master-Cook, Transport-Sergt., Sig.-Sgt. M.Gun, Sergt.-Bandmaster and Drum-Major, who all directly or indirectly helped to win such a coveted honour for their Company. Even the pioneers covered themselves with glory.

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Sunday morning, with a 4 o'clock reveille, found us in no pleasant mood, for sharp, heavy showers greeted us, and as we had to parade at 6 a.m. it was "some" hustle—still we got there, arriving in Newcastle at 10 a.m., after a very enjoyable fortnight.

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Things we should like to know? ? ? ? ?

Who is "broken brains"? (some say "Ask Ship, ship, hurray!")

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Whether Wembley is more attractive than Ripon?

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What was the magnetic attraction for "Crowns" at Harrogate?

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If the Amalgamated Society of Quarter-Master-Sergeants really exists?

Why Paddy addressed the p.c. to himself?

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
25th July, 1924.

Since our last notes we have to record another successful Annual Training, this time at Ripon, Yorks, where the Northumberland Brigade was last encamped in 1908. At that time the Territorials were in their infancy, and very great strides have been made since then.

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For the large numbers of young soldiers in the Battalion this was their first experience of a tented camp, and under the guidance of the old hands they very soon settled down.

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Ripon was certainly very popular with the troops, who felt they were due a change after two years at Catterick. There was more to do there after parades, and occasional trips to Harrogate added to the enjoyment.

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With many of the training areas so far from camp, it was inevitable that much time was lost which would have been of great value for training. Nevertheless some extremely useful work was put in, and with so many men signed for four years the Battalion should improve considerably in all respects for the next few years.

DRUM-MAJOR BRADELSKOVITCH AND THE "TWINS."

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The weather could not have been better, only on 2nd July had the programme to be departed from. A day for Battalion training was thus lost, but by 10 the weather had cleared, and we were off for a route march, returning through Ripon, as a wag remarked—"to give the girls a treat."

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Co-operation with the Regular Army was again a marked feature. We had the pleasure of having Lieuts. L. C. Thomas, M.C., and R. F. Forbes-Watson with the Cadre Platoon from the Depôt attached to this Battalion, and their splendid demonstrations were again of enormous assistance. They are for ever assured of a warm welcome, either at the Officers' or Sergeants' Messes.

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The R.A.F. from Catterick also came over almost daily and improved our knowledge of co-operation with this important arm of the Service. Col. Hamilton, C.M.G., and Officers of the 2nd Cheshires attended for the Brigade scheme as umpires, and an innovation was the attachment of Major Pybus from the Gunners for a day to lecture on their role.

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The training virtually finished with a Brigade scheme on Thursday, 3rd July, when the lesson to be brought out was largely co-operation between R.A., R.A.F., Signals and R.A.M.C. with the infantry. The 4th Battalion were defenders, being attacked by the 5th and 6th Battalions, with the 7th as manœuvre Battalion on the left flank. The strong Azerley Tower position was outflanked, and after the "cease fire" critical remarks were made at the pow-wow by Col. Hamilton, Major-Gen. Dudgeon and Lt.-Gen. Sir Charles Harrington—much they had to say being commendatory, and our forward Companies ("A" Capt. Cowen, and "B" Capt. Watson) gained kudos.

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Besides an improvement in steadiness, organisation and tactical knowledge, the most important improvement was without a doubt in sport. For one thing the sports were not held on a Saturday—they were last year, and were rather a fiasco. On this occasion there was a really fine entry for all events, and a big spectatorate, including members of Ripon City Council and their lady friends. Every credit was due to Lieut. Ledgerwood, Sports Officer, the Padres, the Adjutant and Permanent Staff, especially the latter, who besides marking out the track, etc., organised a ragtime band, complete with Drum-Major (Sgt.-Major Bradford) and the "newly-weds" (Sgt.-Instrs. Timbers and Loder). A tour of our lines made a parade totally unnecessary—a highly satisfactory feature—while they kept the spectators in the best of humour all the afternoon.

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"B" Company must now be looking upon the tug-of-war as their own particular event, just as "D" are beginning to broadcast about always winning the Relay Race and the C.O.'s Cup. Competition is, however, becoming keener every year, and the turn of other sportsmen will probably come sooner than later.

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Here is the list of winners :—

100 *Yards*.—(1) Fus. R. A. Tait, "A"; (2) Fus. Middlemiss, "C"; (3) L. C. Fletcher, "A."

440 *Yards*.—(1) Fus. Tait, "A"; (2) Fus. H. Gillie, "D"; (3) Fus. A. Dixon, "B."

Mile.—(1) Fus. R. Patterson, "D"; (2) Fus. Gillie, "D"; (3) Fus. R. Renton, "C."

Relay.—(1) Cpl. W. Wood, L/Cpl. T. C. Patterson, Fusrs. R. Patterson and A. Fife, "D"; (2) Cpl. J. Cobbledick, M.M., Fusrs. C. Leslie, A. Trotter and W. Nichol, "B."

High Jump.—(1) Fus. W. Hart, "C"; (2) Fus. J. Smith, "B"; (3) L. C. Fletcher, "A."

Tug-of-War.—(1) C.Q.M.S. S. Adamson, Sgts. R. Redford, T. G. Smailes, Cpls. R. W. Todd and E. Thompson, Fus. T. Nelson, T. Swan and W. Allison, "B"; (2) C.S.M. G. O. Purves, Sgts. N. Simmons, T. W. Bailey, Cpl. D. Lyne, Lce.-Cpl. H. G. Walker, Fusrs. R. Armstrong, J. Bennett, and C. Robinson.

Transport Race.—(1) Fusrs. T. Cockburn, "D"; (2) R. S. Hakin, "C"; (3) J. W. Dunn, "A."

Transport Turn-out.—(1) Fus. T. Cockburn; (2) G. Rutherford; (3) J. Dickinson, all "D" Coy.

Turn-out of Chargers.—(1) Fus. Howell, "B"; (2) Fus. Tait, "A."

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We had a vastly improved entry for the cross-country race, compared with last year, on Sunday, 29th June. Congratulations are due to the 6th Battalion on winning Col. Riddell's

Cup. We tied with the 5th Battalion for second place, our placings being :—Fus. Leslie, 5th; R. Patterson, 12th; J. Fawcus, 17th; H. Gillie, 20th; Baird, 22nd; Drmr. H. Adamson, 23rd; Lt. Potts, 24th; Fus. L. Redpath, 25th.

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Officers in camp were :—Lt.-Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O.; Major H. R. Smail, Quartermaster and Lieut. C. Adlard, M.M., Headquarter Wing; Capt. D. C. McCreath, M.C.; Brigade Machine Gun Officer; Capt. W. H. Dargie, M.C., Brigade Transport Officer; Lieut. E. C. Grey, Signals Officer; "A" (Morpeth) Company, Capt. F. B. Cowen, M.C., Lieut. W. C. W. Potts; "B" (Ashington), Capt. E. H. Watson. Lieut. F. W. Clay; "C" (Amble), Capt. T. Appleby, Lieut. T. Ledgerwood, 2nd Lieut. G. H. Green; "D" (Berwick), Capt. E. D. Mackay; Bt.-Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.(Adjutant) and Capt. P. W. Maclagan, M.C. (Medical Officer). In addition to the Officers from the Depôt, the following were attached—viz., Capt. W. Offord, R.A.S.C., the Rev. C. F. Hines, C.F., and the Rev. Father W. E. Arnold, C.F. Capt. Mackay was granted leave for the second week, and Lieut. Ledgerwood commanded "D" Company. We had Col. H. S. S. Morant, D.S.O., as Brigade Commander for the first time, and as for the last few

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years Major W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., acted as Brigade Major.

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One further note is justified, with reference to a special effort for the entertainment of guests at the Officers' Mess on Friday, 4th July. Our neighbours, the 5th have a reputation in this respect second to none in the Division, and our little effort, judging from its reception from a "crowded house," was certainly as thoroughly enjoyed as all theirs have been. The announcer, Capt. Maclagan, gave the audience something to visualise, and the entry of the various characters was greeted with great hilarity, so that the show got a good send-off. The sketch, entitled "Le Brave Poilu," is copyright, but we are permitted to give the caste, which was :—

The Poilu—Capt. Watson.
Mace-bearer Blakey—Lt. Grey.
M. le Maire Vacquier—Capt. Cowen.
General Swazi-Waller—Major Smail.
Adjutant du Pain—Capt. McCreath.

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Another correspondent writes :—

The Battalion Sports, which were held on 2nd July, were very successful, entries for the various events being plentiful.

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The running was very good, in spite of the bad surface to the track.

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It was quite evident that among this year's recruits there was a good selection of talent, which will be more than useful to the Battalion.

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The Battalion band, under Bandmaster Moore, attended and during the afternoon rendered selections, which were much appreciated by the spectators. It was gratifying to see such a large number of the civilian population of Ripon present.

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The "Jazz Band," under Drum-Major Bradelskovitch, toured the Battalion lines prior to proceeding to the Sports Ground.

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It is suggested that in view of the rapid concentration of the troops at the first "noise," that this method might with advantage be embodied in the mobilization scheme, as an alternative method of local concentration.

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At the conclusion of the sports the "Jazz Band" again sounded the "assembly," and marched back in triumph to the lines, where it rendered a programme of various "compositions" prior to the temporary demobilization of the troops.

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Another feature of the sports was the initial appearance of the "Twins" in their mirth-provoking act. Their efforts were highly successful, and much appreciated by all present.

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Many who normally are not addicted to smiling had on this occasion to bend the knee, and, in the words of the song, "Smile, smile, smile."

The "Twins" later had the honour of being photographed with Drum-Major Bradelskovitch. The result is reproduced elsewhere in this issue.

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On looking at the photo, I cannot agree that the female specie is the weaker sex. It may be, of course, that the outward and visible sign is deceptive.

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R.S.M. Rowsell (assisted by C.S.M. Bradford) efficiently acted as starter, and Sgt. Cole acted as "penciller."

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The course, which had been laid out by Sergts. Loder and Timbers, was well arranged, enabling the programme to be carried out without delay.

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The prizes for the sports were presented by the Commanding Officer, assisted by Major Smail, on 5th July.

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Who was the Warrant Officer, whilst the sun was sinking fast, tried to expedite its departure by blowing it out.

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To avoid any misapprehension, it is mentioned that the day previous he had partaken of the waters at Harrogate.

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It is still a debatable point whether such treatment was beneficial or detrimental.

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How does a certain sergeant, hailing from Ashington, claim to belong to Berwick ?

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It was noticed that one of the "Twins" was on the road a good deal. No doubt it will be claimed that this was part of the training (Road Work).

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On 3rd July the members of the Sergeants' Mess quietly vacated the camp, boarded char-a-bancs, and advanced on Harrogate, which they successfully entered at 16.40 hours without casualties.

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After a sumptuous repast at the "Prospect Hotel," they dispersed to enjoy their various modes of amusement until the hour for the "recall."

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After the assembly was complete they very reluctantly retired from the scene of their pleasures, and owing to the existing state of emergency reported for duty at the Camp.

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A most enjoyable outing had been their lot, and many are now anxiously looking forward to the next, and speculation is rife as to when and where it will be.

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The *where* part of it cannot be divulged until the powers-that-be think fit to impart to their subordinates such information as they possess on the subject.

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Dame rumour is already busy, and the names Penrith and the Isle of Man are being associated with the Annual Training for 1925.

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The Battalion were honoured to have the Depôt Training Cadre Staff attached during the period of the training.

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During the training the Camp was visited by the Divisional Commander and the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, both of whom expressed themselves satisfied with what they saw.

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On Sunday, 29th June, the Battalion, in company with the rest of the Brigade, attended Divine Service at the Cathedral, Ripon.

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After the service the Brigade "Marched Past," the Divisional Commander taking the "Salute."

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Before dismissal of the Battalion, medals were presented by the Commanding Officer to the following :—

R.S.M. Rowsell—Long Service and Good Conduct.

Sgt. M. McFadden
Sgt. Smailes
Fus. Aitchison
} Territorial Efficiency Medal.

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We re-cemented the "Entente" with the 4th Battalion Officers, created when we messed together in 1921–22. By the way, congratulations to them on their jazz band.

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A Senior Officer kept remarking that there was much that was highly irregular in the T.A., but admitted there was much that was commendable.

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We hope to see Lieut. Thomas back again with the Brigade in some other capacity to that of O.C. Cadre Platoon.

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The appointment of our latest Band President was very apropos—he sold bands to all our guests.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD.

31st July, 1924.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921.

It has been suggested that the Regiments which have been stationed at Portland, and have held their Parade Services in the Garrison Church, beginning with the 77th Regiment of Foot in the year 1872 to the 2nd Battalion of the Buffs at the present time, should be commemorated by a tablet in the Church with the name of each Battalion inscribed thereon. The 2nd Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers was stationed at the Verne Citadel, Portland, during the years 1897–99. Donations to the Commemoration Fund are invited, and should be sent to the Garrison Chaplain (Rev. H. Pentin), Portland.

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Before this number is in the hands of our readers we shall have left our Editors' sanctum for the space of some three months. Letters sent to the usual address will be forwarded and, if lucky, will be answered with our customary promptness and efficiency. BUT we make no rash vows !

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We regret the absence of extracts from the *London Gazette* this month. Our usual collector of these has been away, and we ourself had carefully collected them. Alas ! Feminine frailty, in the shape of a tidy housemaid combined with ill-fortune disguised as a draught from an open window which blew our collection off the Editorial table on to the Editorial floor, were the cause of the premature destruction of much careful labour !

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Subscriptions due in August :—

Mr. R. M. Hill.
Sergeants' Mess, "B" Coy., 4th Bn.
Mr. C. R. Smith.
O.C. 5th Battalion.
Mr. I. Kirkham.
Drum-Major J. Orange.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mrs. A. Armstrong (2nd Batt.)
Pte. L. H. Ferrett
Major-Gen. F. L. Festing, C.M.G.
Mrs. Holland (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. McCulloch (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. J. Stephenson (2nd Batt.)
The Editor "Memories"

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

PRE-WAR BATTLE HONOURS TO BE EMBLAZONED ON COLOURS.

WAR OFFICE,

5th July, 1924.

In view of the decision that there will be only one Honours List for a regiment or corps, approval is now officially given for Territorial Army battalions carrying colours to emblazon on the regimental colour the pre-war battle honours of their regiment or corps, as shown in the Army List. Money grants are to be made to Territorial Army Associations, to enable this work to be carried out. This change will involve the removal of existing battle honour scrolls from regimental colours ; the embroidering on both sides of regimental colours a new outer wreath on which the new scrolls will be placed ; and the provision and fixing on regimental colours embroidered battle honour scrolls. The cost of any other alteration or repairs to colours may not be borne by Army funds or public funds of County Associations.

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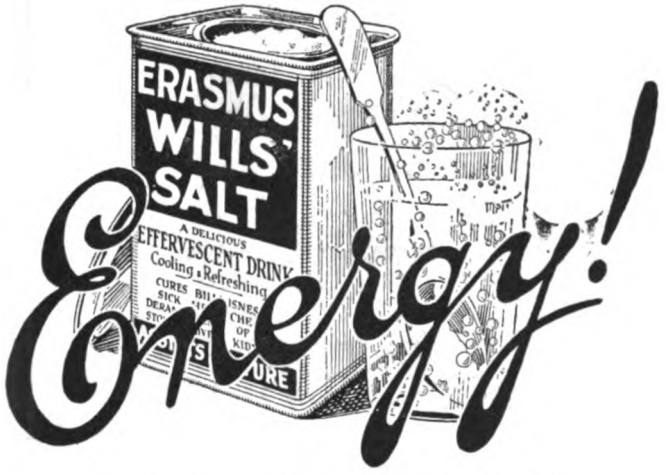

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"Quo fata vocant."

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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NEAR WALLINGFORD,
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We beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of copies of the following papers :—

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"The Hampshire Regimental Journal"
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"The Suffolk Regimental Gazette"
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"The Die-Hards"

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following appointments are made :—

Employed under Director of Requisitions and Hirings (Cl. FF).—Capt. T. M. Scanlan, M.C., Northd. Fus. (dated 1st August).

A.D.C. to the Governor of United Provinces, India.—Lieut. B. Tarleton, Northd. Fusiliers (dated 21st June, 1924).

MEMORANDUM.

Capt. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., 6th Batt. Northd. Fus. (T.A.), to be Bt. Major (to be dated 19th May, 1920).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. G. E. Fenwick, M.C., is placed on the h.p. list on account of ill health (dated 23rd June).

Lieut. B. Tarleton is secd. whilst holding a Cl. B appt. under Art. 92, R.W. (dated 21st June).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

GENERAL LIST.

Northd. Fus.—Lt.-Col. H. S. Ainslie, C.M.G., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Officers (dated 1st August).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

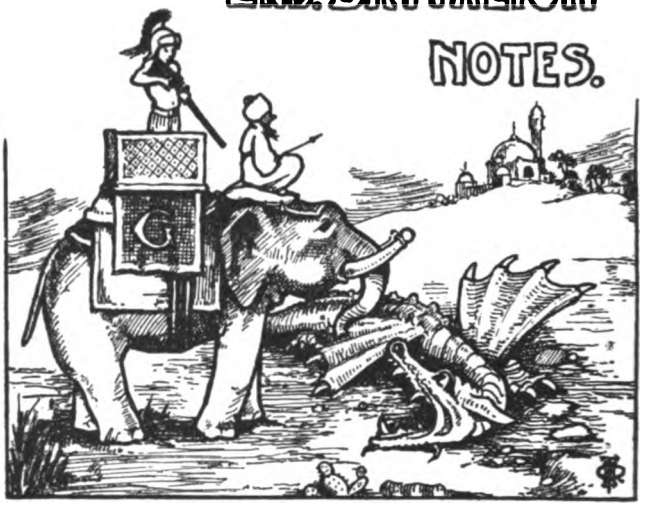
5th Batt.—Lt.-Col. A. Irwin, D.S.O., to be Brevet-Colonel, with precedence as from 16th February, 1924 (dated 9th August, 1924).

6th Batt.—Lt.-Col. E. Temperley, D.S.O., T.D. (ret.), is granted the rank of Bt. Col. with precedence as from 16th February (dated 13th August).

7th Batt.—Lt.-Col. N. L. Wright, D.S.O., to be Bt. Col. with prec. as from 16th Feb. (dated 30th July).

Regimental Notes.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,
16th July, 1924.

We will not bore our readers with a long description of the weather : suffice it to say that since our last notes the monsoon has broken, the temperature fallen to a livable level, and the occupation of hot weather fiends gone.

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There are various types of hot weather fiends, the worst of which is he who rushes madly at the "Pioneer" when it first arrives, and announces to all and sundry that the temperature at Titi Landi has risen to 122 degrees in the shade ! "But that's nothing to Ambala in '08, etc."

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The following has been perpetrated by an unknown poet :—

All ye who go to Wembley, see India—Magic Land,
Bereft of all it's squalor, mosquitoes, heat and sand.
Ye little know the railways, the clinging smell of Ghi,
Or that homicidal feeling when you're called at half-past three.

In England people clamour, and the papers agitate—
Another record heat wave "at Ascot—seventy-eight" ;
But here at nights it's seldom as low as ninety-two—
You can see some "wogs" at Wembley, but the heat is not for you.

Some joys we have in India that Wembley does not know :
The ice a'tinkling in a glass, when the evening sun is low ;
But even this is nothing to the joy we feel in June,
When the clouds bank up, and the thunder peals—the break of the monsoon.

Oh ! gentle winds of evening, that cool your fevered head
Created by a punkah, flap-flapping o'er your bed.
Now, when the East wind cuts you, and your climate makes you foam,
Just think of us in India, and thank heaven you're at home.

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The chief diversion during the latter part of June was a series of football test matches, from which a team was selected to represent the Battalion in the Narayan Football Shield Competition at Cawnpore. This was a most difficult task, as from the 22 possible players, two teams could have been picked—the difference between them being almost negligible. Eventually the following were selected :—

Lce.-Cpl. Stephens.
Fus. Grimstone. Fus. Rodgers.
Fus. Allen. Fus. Brooks. Sgt. Bowker.
Fus. Burns, Lce.-Cpl. White, Fus. Bell, Fus. Jacobs, Cpl. Young.

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In the first round we were drawn against the G.I.P. Railway Team from Jhansi. This was a one-sided match, and neither our goal-keeper or backs had to exert themselves in the least. We won by 4—0.

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In the second round we beat the Cawnpore Sports Club Team by 2—0. This was a better game, but nevertheless entirely in our favour throughout. Fusilier Brooks played a sound game and scored one of the goals.

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This brought us to the semi-final against the 22nd Brigade R.F.A. This team was the holder of the shield for 1922–23, and had defeated the Cheshire Regiment in the second round. This was quite the best match of the tournament. During the first half the game was fast, and if anything our opponents did the pressing. However, the defence was excellent, and Fusilier Grimstone played well at right back. At half-time there was no score. The second half was more evenly contested ; Lce.-Cpl. Stephens, the goalkeeper, saved two good shots at goal, and our forwards on several occasions had very bad luck in not scoring. Just two minutes from time the Gunners scored from a scrimmage round the goal mouth, and we were unable to equalise ; losing by 0—1.

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It is worthy of mention that in this match our opponents were fully a stone heavier per man than our side, and the result

Photo by] [*Bandsman Gibson.*

A ROADSIDE HALT.
THE BAND.

reflects great credit on the team, many of whom were playing for a regimental side for the first time.

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The matches were played in the public park at Cawnpore before an audience of several thousand people. It was really rather amazing to see the interest that the many Indians took

Photo] [*Bandsman Gibson.*

COMING INTO CAMP AT BARNSLEAON.

in the games. During their stay the team were entertained by the 2nd Batt. The Durham Light Infantry, who gave them a very good time.

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What a pity that in Fyzabad we have no proper profiteer of the type that lights his "Corona" with a five-pound note. He could thoroughly enjoy himself—shooting, at five rupees per head, the carrier pigeons recently acquired by the Signallers. All that is necessary is to bring the corpse and the cash and lay them at the feet of the Station Staff Officer, and no more is said. Useful employment is being found for the derelict parrots belonging to officers now in the Hills—trying to create a "pigcott" which will deliver verbal messages.

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Rugby Football has commenced its short season, with a Station game, but it cannot start in earnest until the first Hill Party arrive back on the 25th July.

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Bareilly are sending a team to play us on the 3rd August, and we have entered for a knock-out tournament for all local Stations, which begins shortly afterwards.

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In a few days the rains converted the golf links from a Sahara to a Sunningdale, and golf has been an almost daily amusement. An Inter-Company Gold Competition has been played, and the closest of the struggle will be seen by the results :—

1st Round.—Major Foster and Capt. Plummer, "B" Coy., handicap 17, beat Capt. Hogshaw and Mr. Fryer, H.Q. Wing, handicap 11, by 1 up.

Semi-Final.—Capt. Attwater and Mr. Pringle, "D" Coy., handicap 15, beat Major Foster and Capt. Plummer, "B" Coy., by 1 up. Lt.-Col. Kershaw and Mr. Ingledew, Bn. H.Q., handicap 9, beat Mr. Cooper and Mr. Martin, "C" Company, handicap 15, by 1 up.

Final.—Lt.-Col. Kershaw and Mr. Ingledew beat Capt. Attwater and Mr. Pringle by 4 and 2.

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This was followed by the inevitable "Married *versus* Single." At the time of sending these notes the former have not won a match :—

MARRIED.			SINGLE.	
Capt. Attwater	o *v.*	Mr. Ingledew		1
Mr. Fryer	o *v.*	Capt. Hogshaw		1
Major Foster	o *v.*	Mr. Martin		1
Capt. Plummer (sick)	*v.*	Mr. Cooper	(w.o.)	1
Lt.-Col. Kershaw	o *v.*	Mr. Pringle		1

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Congratulations to Lieut. Pigott, who has passed into the Staff College, and to the Regimental Signallers who have succeeded in obtaining a figure of merit of 98.48 per cent. and take fourth place of all British Infantry Battalions in India.

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Capt. Hogshaw and Mr. Earle arrived back from six weeks' leave from Pachmari, the former being fortunate in obtaining a panther the night before the termination of his stay there.

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Mr. Tarlton has left us to take up the appointment of A.D.C. to H.E. Sir William Marris, Governor of the United Provinces,

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LOOKING TOWARDS NAINI TAL FROM CAMP AT RATIGHAT.
THE THIRD DAY'S HALT.

at Government House, Naini Tal, the seat of the U.P. Government during the hot weather.

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EXTRACTS FROM PART II. ORDERS.

Promotions and Appointments.

The undermentioned Fusiliers are appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals with effect from 25th June, 1924 :—

No. 4262523 Fusilier J. Tulip, H.Q. Company.
No. 4262050 Fusilier J. Miller, "D" Company.
No. 4262330 Fusilier J. Noble, "D" Company.
No. 4257402 Fusilier J. Tennant, H.Q. Company.
No. 731073 Fusilier F. Jacobs, "C" Company.
No. 4256745 Fusilier T. Rogers, "C" Company.
No. 4260686 Fusilier R. Sumpter, "B" Company.
No. 4261892 Fusilier R. Burns, "A" Company.
No. 2200704 Fusilier G. Johnson, "B" Company.
No. 4257684 Fusilier M. Whitelock, "B" Company.
No. 4261774 Fusilier R. Smith, "D" Company.
No. 4260389 Fusilier F. Gage, "C" Company.
No. 4257258 Fusilier R. Geddes, "D" Company.

No. 4257703 Lce.-Cpl. G. Maddison, "B" Company, appointed Paid Lance-Corporal with effect from 18/5/24.

No. 4257173 Lce-Cpl. A. Williams, "C" Company, promoted Paid Corporal with effect from 11/1/24.

No. 4257748 Lce.-Cpl. C. Alder, H.Q. Company, appointed Paid Lance-Corporal with effect from 4/4/24.

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SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The change of the Hill Party has left us very much depleted, and until the arrival of the first party on return to the plains, duties occupy the whole of our attention.

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The R.S.M. has returned from a short stay in the U.P. Hill Station of Mussoorie, and as he has been in solitude and kept little posted up, the cynical believe that he has really been incognito—therefore what surprising news of the allurements of that gay town has he brought back?

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Sgt. Tudor has also rejoined from a shooting trip in Nepal, but was not blessed with the best of luck, and his bag was spare

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Between these occasional leaves there is a constant flow of departing and returning married members who find Ranikhet happy Mecca for wedded bliss.

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A Tennis Tournament in the grounds of the 9th Battery R.F.A. has been the only item of sport we are able to chronicle. The Mess were strongly represented by the R.S.M., C.S.M. Beck, O.R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, C.Q.M.S. Davis, C.Q.M.S. Scott, Sgt. Pollard, Sgt. Fitzgerald and Sgt. Keith, and ran out easy winners in both games and sets. The monsoon weather has put an end to further efforts in this direction.

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A Billiards Flying Handicap amongst the remaining members on the plains is at present in full swing. A cue given by C.S.M. Prophet goes to the winner. From the times and ability of most members, the event savours of a junior course of Pelmanism —but more later.

2ND BATTALION (DETACHMENT) NOTES.

RANIKHET,
19th June, 1924.

I remember reading in a past *Gazette*, I think in the year 1921, of the trials and troubles of an officer at Dinapore, whose Company was quartered in Arrah Barracks, the Orderly Room being in Victoria Barracks, 1½ miles away. I wonder what the writer of those notes would think of Alma Barracks, Ranikhet, where added to considerable distances there are gradients equalled only by those at Jalapahar.

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The Orderly Room and Guard Room, around which centre the administrative activities of the Depôt, are on the cart road. The Detachment Barracks are scattered around Pinnacle Point —an ominous name—300 feet above.

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On arrival there was joy on seeing a telephone in the Detachment Office, but as usual in such cases anticipation proved to be far more blessed than realisation. There are always two sides to every question, and that of easy communication is no exception to the rule. It is easier to turn a blind eye to a signal than a deaf ear to an insistant telephone bell summoning you to the Orderly Room.

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At Alma Barracks there are detachments of the Worcester Regiment from Meerut, and the D.C.L.I. from Lucknow, and near by, at Chaubattia and Dulikhet, are the Cheshire and Welch Regts., and 4th and 11th Hussars, respectively.

Amusements in this station, as elsewhere in the hills, are not so easy to find as in the plains. The skating rink attracted some, but it is now closed, and there is a small football ground which has to supply the needs of 900 men; we miss the Maidan at Fyzabad very much.

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Lieuts. Bennett and Maynard are arranging an open Boxing Tournament this month, and the Band have got up several Fusiliers' Dances. Talking of the Band, it is nice to hear universal appreciation of its qualities from all the residents here. It is unusual to find such whole-hearted praise of both full and dance bands, and not praise only, but more material advantages of engagements at the Club, Sergeants' Mess, Masonic Dances, and elsewhere.

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On our first arrival, weapon training of all sorts was the order of the day. Musketry, with its consequent descent to the range 400 ft., "Nichi," and return about noon with the temperature at 100 deg. in the verandah, Lewis Gun training, and the Training Cadre, caused much activity, but this strenuous work cannot be compared with the energy shown by our mountaineers when a course of hill warfare was ordered later on.

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The sight of hot and breathless individuals arriving at Pinnacle Point, headed by Lieut. Humphreys, became familiar, and the demand for boot nails, and the flying dhobie, became incessant. The climax of this activity came when two selected platoons moved to Majkhali Camp (9 miles away) for a final week of khud climbing and training in the tactics required to circumvent the Mahsuds.

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Our platoons acquitted themselves well at camp, but I gather that not one single regret was expressed when the week was over.

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The heat this year has surpassed all previous records within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. What it must be in the plains is difficult to imagine!

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As I am writing a thunderstorm has started, so we are hoping that one of the most trying times in the hot weather has passed, and the welcome rain will bring the thermometer down with a bump.

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We were very glad to see Lt.-Col. Kershaw and Lieut. Martin up here; the former spending a week on duty, and the latter seven days on pleasure.

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We had hoped to see the latter up here again in July, but it seems his plans may be changed owing to an interesting notice in the Court News in the *Pioneer*, concerning another Officer with whom he was going to spend his leave.

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Our congratulations to the Commanding Officer, whom we are lucky enough to have with us up here while he is G.S.O., U.P. District, on being one of the Polo team to win the cup at Naini-tal.

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There is quite a good Polo ground at Dulikhet, as far as hill grounds go, so Polo players up here are able to keep their hands and eye in.

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SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

RANIKHET.

After endless conjecture and much heart burning, the first Detachment left the sunny plains of Fyzabad for the delights (?) of Ranikhet. The word Hills always, I think, gives one a very false impression. We all think of going there to recuperate and regain some of the energy that has gone from us during our spell of two years or so, on the plains—well, dear reader, perhaps once that was so, but now we tear about on the rifle range, mountain warfare, and various other invigorating pastimes, until instead of heartburn, I think we will all develop heart disease.

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I had better strike off on a fresh line, or I shall be accused of being a pessimist!

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Ranikhet is delightfully situated, and its height is about 6,300 ft. above sea level. The climate is bracing, but as a hill station for troops it is not ideal. I think we were spoiled through going to "the Queen of Hill Stations"—Darjeeling—on arriving in India, and now, of course, we compare all others on the same scale. All the bungalows are scattered over the khud side; our Detachment is on Pinnacle Point. It was said that when Mary died, that Calais would be written on her heart. I know of two, at least, of the members here who will have Pinnacle Point written on theirs.

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Amusement here is not very extraordinary; we have the usual whist drives and dances at the Mess, and sometimes a social evening on Sundays. The latter are very much appreciated by all, a noticeable feature being the great number of married families who attend.

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We have started a Billiard League among the different Detachments in the Mess; our first game was with the Signals, who have quite a good number of fair players, and we did rather well to lose by only 84 points. The second match was with the Worcestershire Regt.; we fared rather badly this time, and all chance of winning the league has now disappeared.

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Our tour here is rapidly drawing to a close, and we are getting ready to trek down to Kathgodam en route for Fyzabad.

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By the way, we have had some very good Fusilier dances. These are enjoyed immensely by the troops, and I am sure by the families also.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
25th August, 1924.

We regret to have to record in this month's notes, the death of Sgt. J. George, who died of pneumonia, after three days in hospital, on 25th July.

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In the manner of his death, even more than in his life, he has left us a splendid example of devotion to duty, and of the spirit which refuses to give in. We cannot do better than to quote Depôt Orders for 25th July:—

> The Commanding Officer regrets to announce the death of No. 7212070 Sergt. J. George, Depôt Fifth Fusiliers, who died in the Royal Victorial Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, at 1.30 a.m. to-day.
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> It would appear that Sergt. George had been ill and suffering for some weeks. He carried on his work with the Depôt Training Cadre at the Territorial Army Camp at Ripon, and he took part in the Area Training Competition under bad weather conditions only six days before his death. He hid his disability from the Officer under whom he worked, knowing that his absence would handicap the Training Cadre. He was eventually carried to hospital on Tuesday last, and died of pneumonia thirty-six hours later.
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> The Commanding Officer feels that in conveying deep sympathy to Mrs. George he is expressing the feelings of all ranks at the Depôt. The death of this N.C.O. is directly attributable to his stubborn sense of duty, and to his keenness to do well for his Regiment.
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> Sergt. George joined the Munster Fusiliers in 1905, and was transferred to the FIFTH in 1922, on the disbandment of the Irish Regiments.

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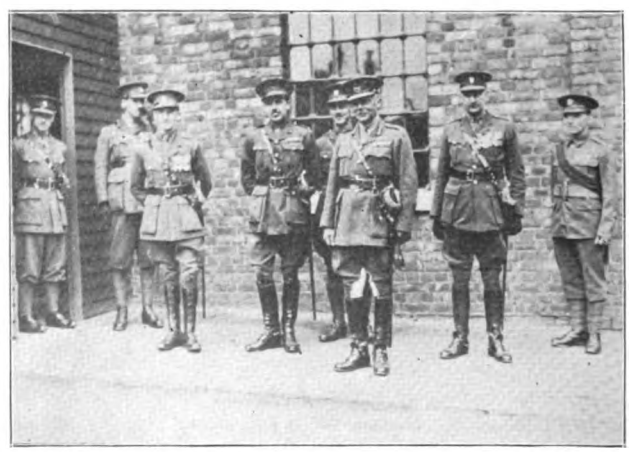
The funeral took place on the 29th July, from St. Mary's



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Cathedral, where a gun carriage with a team of Sergeants as drivers, provided by the 10th Brigade R.F.A., a firing party, the Band of the 6th Battalion, and Commanding Officer and all ranks of the Depôt assembled to escort the remains to Elswick Road Cemetery. Among others who were present at the Cathedral were Col. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., commanding the 149th Infantry Brigade; Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., commanding the 6th Battalion; and several ex-Munster Fusiliers and other Tyneside friends.

Wreaths from the Officers, Regimental Sergt.-Major, Corporals, the Depôt Staff (2), and the wives of the W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s of the Depôt Fifth Fusiliers, the W.O.'s and Sergeants and the Corporals of the 5/68th Regimental Depôts, the W.O.'s, Sergeants and Corporals of the Depôt Staff, and the wives of the W.O.'s and Sergeants of the 68th Light Infantry, the W.O.'s and Sergeants and their wives of the 10th Brigade R.F.A., comrades of the Munster Fusiliers, and the Social Club, were laid on the grave at the end of the ceremony.

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Q.M.S. I. W. Brown, of the Army Physical Training Staff,

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has taken the place of Sgt.-Major Marks as Physical Training Instructor. As a Fifth Fusilier and an ex-Regimental football,

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hockey and cricket player, we can expect much help from him in producing more men of the same kidney during his tour of duty here.

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Little of interest has occurred during the last month. Capt. Baxter and Mr. Thomas disappeared into Scotland (the scraggy side) at the end of July, and have not been heard of since. Two promising drafts have joined the 1st Battalion, and found it far too busy to take much notice of them. Capt. Arkwright made a preliminary reconnaisance of the Depôt, the other day, with a view to coming here in September, and left looking pale but determined—and that is about all.

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At the same time several sweeping changes have taken place

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all round us during the past few months, and are revolutionising our life—at any rate the life of the officers.

When, last February, electric light in place of gas or candle light was put into the Officers' quarters, the greatest astonishment was aroused. It looked as if some society for the preservation of ancient buildings had begun to take interest in us, but the wiseacres shook their heads and prophesied that it would be the only barrack reform in this century at any rate.

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Judge of our surprise, therefore, when, only six months later a genuine bath was observed by the entrance to the quarters.

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The thing was of no use to us, of course, and we tried six months later to trace the mistake which was responsible for its appearance, but it turned out to be no mistake.

New plumbers each returning day
Hovered around it where it lay,

and finally carried it upstairs to the Field Officers' quarters. The Junior Officer, who quoted Sir Philip Sidney's last remark, has been carefully watched.

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The problem which now confronts us all is, how to perform

DEPOT RECRUITS' FOOTBALL TEAM, 1924

the initial launching ceremony, with the solemnity due to the occasion. The first real total immersion, h. and c. bath, of which these ancient walls hold record.

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A bottle of champagne is obviously necessary, but who to break it on, as he takes the water, and where, and how to do it with safety, are the questions which vex us.

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Another change, which many will regret, is the "bobbing" of the weeping ash tree on the lawn in the front of the Mess. Someone ordered all the branches, which used to hang down till they were nearly touching the water, to be cut off, and the tree, which used to be such a relief to look at, after a morning on a landscape target, has been changed into a general service-bushy topped tree—a prominent object, a reference point, and several other things, which, though delightful enough during training, are not soothing to look at at breakfast time. However, mirrored in the limpid surface of the tennis court, it's not a bad tree even now.

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CRICKET.

DEPÔT 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* SLATYFORD.

23rd July, 1924.

DEPÔT.

Lce.-Cpl. Purcell, run out	11
Lce.-Cpl. Burns, c Donnelly, b Moir	5
Sgt. Thompson, b R. Fielding	0
Sgt. Finnamore, c Morris, b Moir	8
C.S.M. O'Hara, c Morris, b Moir	1
Capt. Baxter, c Morris, b Reay	49
Lce.-Cpl. Pyle, c Morris, b Moir	1
Mr. Thomas, b Moir	1
Mr. Forbes-Watson, b Reay	2
Cpl. Forbes, c Smith, b Reay	0
Lce.-Cpl. Massey, not out	5
Extras	8
Total	91

SLATYFORD.

S. Smith, c Pyle, b Finnamore	8
R. Fielding, b Finnamore	2
B. Moir, c Massey, b Finnamore	66
F. Reay, b Finnamore	1
P. M. Morris, b Finnamore	9
J. Donnelly, b Finnamore	0
F. Anderson, b Finnamore	5
A. Thackeray, c Thompson, b Pyle	1
S. Gladstone, not out	5
E. Fielding, c O'Hara, b Finnamore	0
G. Watson, run out	1
Extras	5
Total	103

Slatyford won by 12 runs. Sgt. Finnamore took 8 wickets for 38 runs.

DEPÔT 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* DEPARTMENTAL CORPS.

26th July, 1924.

DEPARTMENTAL CORPS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Sgt. Thompson, run out	1	run out	5
Mr. Ainsworth, b Finnamore	19	b Purcell	15
Capt. Ure, lbw, b Finnamore	2	lbw, b O'Hara	2
Q.M.S. Letchfield, b Finnamore	0	b Purcell	1
Lce.-Cpl. Copley, b Finnamore	4	c Finnamore, b O'Hara	4
Lce.-Cpl. Atkinson, b Finnamore	2	not out	3
Major Yourell, b Finnamore	0	run out	4
Pte. Moore, b Pyle	0	lbw, b O'Hara	2
S.-Sgt. Groundsell, b Pyle	0	hit wicket, b Purcell	0
Cpl. Roe, b Finnamore	0	st Thomas, b Purcell	0
Capt. Graham, not out	0	absent sick	0
Extras	3	Extras	1
Total	31	Total	37

DEPÔT.

Cpl. Forbes, b Ainsworth	4
Lce.-Cpl. Purcell, lbw, b Ainsworth	13
Lce.-Cpl. Burns, b Capt. Ure	21
Sgt. Finnamore, lbw, b Thompson	14
C.S.M. O'Hara, b Capt. Ure	11
Mr. Thomas, b Capt. Ure	0
Mr. Forbes-Watson, b Thompson	8
Lce.-Cpl. Pyle, c Ainsworth, b Ure	16
Sgt. Cogan, b Thompson	2
Fus. Hirst, c Ainsworth, b Thompson	1
Capt. Baxter, not out	7
Extras	6
Total	103

Depôt 5th Fus. won by an innings and 35 runs. In the first innings Sgt. Finnamore took 7 wickets for 7 runs.

DEPÔT 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* R.A., NEWCASTLE.

6th August, 1924.

R.A., NEWCASTLE.

Boy Wilton, b Hurley	2
Lce.-Cpl. English, c Ross, b O'Hara	1
Cpl. Mullins, b Hurley	9
R.S.M. Burgess, b Hurley	7
Q.M.S. Kellett, c and b O'Hara	18
Gr. Harding, c Forbes, b O'Hara	5
Gr. Springett, b Hurley	7
Gr. Carter, b Hurley	3
Gr. White, not out	2
Gr. Dawson, b Hurley	2
Gr. Potts, b O'Hara	0
Extras	7
Total	63

DEPÔT.

R.S.M. Groves, b Potts	12
Cpl. Forbes, b Wilton	3
Lce.-Cpl. Ross, c Harding, b Wilton	0
Sgt. Hurley, run out	34
C.S.M. O'Hara, c Kellett, b Potts	9
Fus. Davis, run out	5
Fus. Dunne, c Harding, b Potts	1
Cpl. Challen, not out	2
Fus. Young, lbw, b Wilton	0
Fus. Christlo, c Dawson, b Wilton	1
Fus. Gladstone, b Wilton	0
Extras	8
Total	75

Depôt 5th Fusiliers won by 12 runs.

DEPÔT 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* DEPARTMENTAL CORPS.

DEPARTMENTAL CORPS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Lce.-Cpl. English, b O'Hara	0	b O'Hara	1
S.-Sgt. Kirk, c Forbes, b Brown	0	run out	6
Mr. Graham, lbw, b O'Hara	0	c Forbes, b Brown	1
Capt. Ure, b O'Hara	3	b Brown	2
Cpl. Mullins, b Brown	0	b Brown	4
Major Yourell, b O'Hara	2	c Forbes, b Brown	0
Cpl. Atkinson, b O'Hara	2	not out	0
Q.M.S. Letchfield, b Brown	3	b O'Hara	15
Pte. Bourne, run out	4	b O'Hara	3
Cpl. Roe, run out	1	b O'Hara	0
Pte. Graves, not out	1	b Brown	1
Extras	2	Extras	2
Total	18	Total	35

DEPOT.

R.S.M. Groves, b Ure	1
Cpl. Forbes, b English	13
Q.M.S. Brown, c Bourne, b Ure	18
C.S.M. O'Hara, c Ure, b Atkinson	13
Lce.-Cpl. Massey, b Atkinson	4
Fus. Davis, c Atkinson, b Graham	1
Mr. Forbes-Watson, c English, b Atkinson	0
Lce.-Cpl. Ross, c Graham, b Atkinson	0
Fus. Dunne, b Graham	0
Fus. Sinclair, not out	1
Fus. Clarkson, b Atkinson	0
Extras	5
Total	56

Depôt 5th Fusiliers won by an innings and 3 runs.

AVERAGES FOR THE SEASON.

BATTING.

Name.	Runs.	Times Innings.	not out.	Average.
Sgt. Finnamore	470	25	2	20.4
Capt. Baxter	258	20	3	15.2

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BOWLING.

Name.	No. of Wickets.	No. of Runs.	Average.
Sgt. Finnamore	127	534	4.2
Sgt. Thompson	37	234	6.3
C.S.M. O'Hara	57	441	7.7

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM-ON-TYNE,
23rd August, 1924.

We were glad to see such a good turn-out at Ponteland for the Company Rifle Meeting, on 27th July. The weather was kind to the Newburn Detachment on this occasion, and the Meeting was a great success, although the shooting on the whole was not exactly brilliant. The number of entries for the Recruits Competitions was rather disappointing, and it is to be hoped that the N.C.O.'s and older soldiers will endeavour to encourage the young entry to take a keener interest in rifle shooting.

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Our Adjutant, Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E., went to London

SPORTS, RIPON, 1924.
PRESENTATION OF PRIZES BY LT.-COL. B. CRUDDAS, D.S.O.

on a few days' leave early in the month, and the Quartermaster (Capt. W. Watson, M.C.) is now following his good example by taking a week's holiday North of the Tweed.

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No. 4256073 C.S.M. Mower, E.V., proceeded to Netheravon on 28th July, for a Qualifying Course in the Vickers Machine Gun. During his absence No. 4258652 C.S.M. Stuart, "L," is carrying out the duties of Instructor to the Newburn Detachment.

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On Saturday, 9th August, the Brigadier carried out his Annual Inspection of the Arms, Ammunition, Clothing and Equipment, Battalion and Company Records, and general Interior Economy of the Battalion. The report which followed the inspection leads us to hope that the Inspecting Officer was not dissatisfied.

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A Conference was held at Brigade Headquarters on 21st August, to go into the question of Winter Training. It was decided to work along much the same lines as last year. There will be Courses at the Regimental Depôt, Company Classes for Lewis Gunners, Section Leaders, Signallers and Vickers Gunners,

O "Y" SHOULD WE WARBLE OF CHAMPIONS AGAIN?
THEIR TAILS ARE STILL UP, SO LET'S TWIST THE REFRAIN
TO INCLUDE THAT GREAT HERO OF WHOM ARMIES SING
"OUR COLONELIZED-MAJOR, OUR RODEO KING!"

* Note: It is rumoured that the Salvation Army require his services. What a hope!

Regimental and Brigade Tactical Exercises and Week-end Camps for Field Firing and Company Training, and it is hoped that all ranks will take advantage of the various facilities for training which will be afforded.

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There has been comparatively little military activity during the month, except at Battalion Headquarters, where the unequal struggle with the Paymaster goes on with unabated vigour. We hope to have gained sufficient points, however, in this ding-dong battle to enable us to pay out the Bounties before the middle of next month.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

The Company Rifle Meeting was held at High Wood Range, Hexham, on Sunday, 3rd August, with the following results:—

Class A.	Fus. Fenwick	12	1st
,, B.	Fus. Kilgour	27	1st
,, C.	Fus. Gowans	37	1st
	Fus. Watson	27	2nd
,, D.	Lce.-Sgt. Scaife	52	1st
	Sgt. Craddock, D.C.M. ..	40	2nd
	Lce.-Cpl. Renwick	39	3rd
,, E.	(Lewis Gun)—		
	Fus. Renwick	40	1st
	Lce.-Sgt. Scaife	36	2nd

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On returning to Prudhoe the prizes were distributed in the Drill Hall by Mrs. Wind. The entrances were particularly good, and it would appear that the younger "Guards" have at last realised the fact that shooting is a sport, and not an unpleasant duty to be got over as quickly as possible. We hope that all the gunners who put on possibles at the Company Meeting will be available for Sunday, 7th September, when we are shooting for the National Lewis Gun Trophy.

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We hear a rumour that certain enterprising members of the Company propose having a char-a-banc trip somewhere in the near future—the date and the objective are rather obscure at the moment, but no doubt further news will be forthcoming in time for next month's notes.

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We also hear that C.S.M. Wind and Sgt. West are going to open out a business as joiners, painters and paperhangers in the near future. If Newburn had not been in such a violent hurry for a new Drill Hall we would have built one for them.

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It also appears that by camp, 1925, the Company will be in possession of a complete and perfectly good collapsible and

NO NEED FOR US POETS, NO NEED FOR YOU BARDS
TO POUR FORTH LOUD PÆONS IN PRAISE OF THE GUARDS.
IN SUMMER OR WINTER FROM THE TOP OF THEIR HILL
THEY BROADCAST THEIR FAME WITH A HEARTY GOOD WILL!

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portable Orderly Room, Guard Room and Sergeants' Mess, all in one (with flagstaff and all the usual fittings).

LOST.—On or about 6th July, between Ripon and Prudhoe, one excellent second-in-command; answers to the name of "McL.," is perfectly harmless, and guaranteed not to bite. Finder will be suitably rewarded. It is thought that he may be waiting for his belt to be cleaned before appearing.

5TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

WALKER,
25th August.

The Annual Training is now a thing of the past—it seems a long past. The powers-that-be must have noticed one of our previous paragraphs, where we stated that nothing kills so much as monotony. So Ripon, it was, instead of Catterick. But the change, though welcome, was not a very big one. Ripon, like Catterick, has many war memories—good, bad and indifferent. It *would* be a welcome change to serve in an area quite new and fresh. One never knows!

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Ripon on this occasion belied its reputation, and we had 14 days of the very best weather it was possible to have. Jupiter Pluvius must have gone for his annual vacation.

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And a word of praise here to the Quartermaster and his Advance Party. A canvas camp is no joke, and the camp was splendidly arranged and everything excellently in order when we arrived. And the men were quite ready for the excellent meal that was awaiting them.

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By the way, who was the bright individual who thought it was essential that officers should be compelled to do a route march immediately after breakfast each and every morning?

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Lt.-Col A. Irwin, D.S.O., had with him the following Officers and 560 other ranks:—Major P. P. Phillips, Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse (Adjutant); Captains C. W. Fairweather, H. G. Dodds, W. H. Leete, D.F.C., M. Heslop, T. A. Carlisle; Lieuts. T. A. Johnson, T. A. Herdman, H. Phillips, G. M. I. Stanley, N. Worters; 2nd Lieuts. G. Ellis, R. H. Rooksby.

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It is surprising how soon one settles down, and we were determined to have 14 days of the best, both at work and play.

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We had with us in our Mess, Lt.-Col. Craven, M.C., commanding the Field Ambulance, and his Officers; also Lt.-Col. Gover. D.S.O., T.D., and the Officers of the Casualty Clearing Section. We were delighted to have these, our old friends, with us.

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The training areas were some distance from the camp, so that for a good deal of our time we "marched our men right up the hill, and we marched them down again." The work of each day was progressive in character and very interesting.

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It seems strange that men who get so little training in elementary things should be sort of pitchforked into 15 days' intensive training over wide areas. But we believe that it is quite right that it should be so. The men, and more especially the platoon, etc., leaders, are enabled to see—under very pleasant conditions—the difficulties they are up against, and they get

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practice in the wider things of training. And the one lesson which it drives home to officers, N.C.O.'s and men is the

"THAT FEELING"
Brigade Officer: What are you doing there.
Scout off—Coy. looking for the Enemy Sir
B.O. Quick: your Company being in action(20)Mins

enormous importance of thorough training in the use of the rifle, and in section leading.

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The horses allotted to the Battalion were a better lot than usual, for which many thanks.

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The annual Brigade cross-country run was held on the Sunday morning after Church parade, and we congratulate the 6th Battalion on their excellent performance. Our Lieut. Worters was second runner home, Sgt. Meekin ("D" Coy.) 8th, and Fus. N. Ripley ("A" Coy.) 19th.

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Church Parade in Ripon Cathedral, and with the whole Brigade in attendance, was most inspiring. The Divisional Commander took the salute after the service.

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The Officers' Mess hut, with its white canvas lining, was a wonderful institution; and here we would like to add a word of praise to our P.M.C. and his committee. Things went so smoothly; it was certainly "Fairweather" all over.

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And now to guest night. We followed last year's innovation, and held this important function during the first week. The following, among others, dined with us and our medical confreres:—The Brigadier, Colonel H. S. S. Morant, D.S.O.; Lt.-Colonels Cruddace, D.S.O., Rodgers, T.D., N. I. Wright, D.S.O., R. F. Shiel, D.S.O.; Major Smail; Captains Bradley, Dargie, Weekes, Lloyd; Lieutenants Carrick, Challoner, Forbes-Watson, De Lorial, Thomas. The caterers put up an excellent dinner, and after the dinner came the show: and here we have again to thank Capt. Dargie for officiating at the piano. We started off with a simple sketch,

THE ORDERLY OFFICER'S SWORD.

The Colonel	P. P. P.
The O. Officer	H. P. (some sauce !)
The Orderly Room Sergeant	N. H.
The Colonel's Wife	H. G. D.

We do not think that the Colonel is at all sure yet that the O.O. is wearing a sword. Perhaps he had dined very well. As a matter of fact, we all had. Excellent as was this little sketch, it was merely the introduction to the tit-bit of the evening:—

"THE RIPPIN' RODEO."

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Grand Parade, introducing

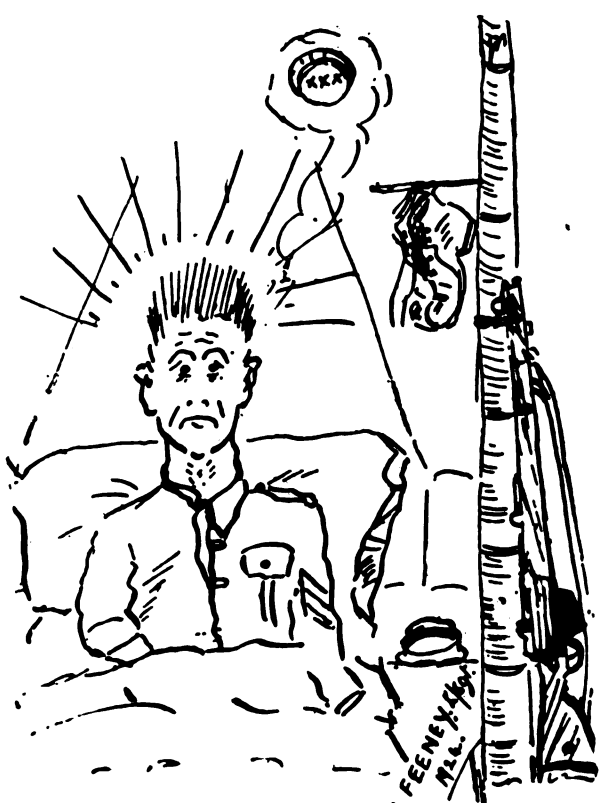
Ticks Rover.
Lashem Larry.
Ridem Rob.
Rookem Ruth.
Stand-up-Stanley, the Stoical Steer.
Bonnie Prince Charlie, the Bucking Bronc.

CONTESTS.

1. *Saddling and Riding the Bronc*—Ticks Rover, Rookem Ruth.
2. *Tricks with and by the "Lass Who."*—Rookem Ruth.
3. *Steer Roping.*—Lasham Larry, Ridem Rob.
4. *Trick Shooting.*—Ticks Rover on "Charlie."
5. *Bull-dogging.*—Lasham Larry, Ridem Rob.

All amateurs are invited to enter. Some entered; some wished they hadn't.

The producer rode O.C. "B" Company's horse into the Mess and introduced the show. And it *was* some show! The number



AFTER TAKING THE WATERS AT HARROGATE.

of sore heads, legs and arms the next day bore ample testimony to the powers of the steer and the bronc.

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Then there were many songs, including "Blaydon Races," by the C.O.

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Finally came on the chair polo, and after a most exciting time the finalists were the R.F.A. and the R.A.M.C. "B" team. The R.F.A. proved the winners, being ably helped by their M.O., Capt. Weekes. A very fine evening came all too soon to an end, and so passed another milestone. Nights such as these can be lived over again so long as memory lasts. We missed very much indeed, Lt.-Col. Luhrs, and his cheeriness.

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The R.A.M.C. challenged us at cricket. The results are given below. Comment is superfluous.

5TH BATT. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Lieut. Herdman, b Sgt. Morse	8
Sgt. Smith, c Charlton, b Morse	14
Capt. Leete, b Morse	6
Major Phillips, b Charlton	29
Capt. Fairweather, lbw, b Major Hindmarsh	2
Lieut. Rooksby, b Major Hindmarsh	4
Lieut. Stanley, b Capt. Armstrong	6
Capt. Dodds, not out	10
Lieut. Phillips, b Major Hindmarsh	0
Lieut. Johnson, b Capt. Armstrong	0
Lt.-Col. Irwin, b Major Hindmarsh	0
Extras	6
Total	85

R.A.M.C.

Pte. Goodwin, b Sgt. Smith	0
Sgt. Morse, b Lieut. Rooksby	4
Sgt. Taratine, retired hurt	6
Sgt. Charlton, b Smith	0
Major Hindmarsh, b Rooksby	0
Lieut.-Col. Gover, c Leete, b Rooksby	10
Sgt.-Major Griffiths, run out	4
Capt. Armstrong, b Smith	7
Pte. Reay, b Smith	0
Sgt. Robson, b Smith	1
Q.M.S. Charlton, b Capt. Leete	3
Extras	3
Total	38

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We trust that Sgt. Taratine is now fully recovered.

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We again had the privilege of witnessing a demonstration by the R.A.F.

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Each camp seems to have its outstanding feature, and this had its memorable occasion on "Colonel's Night." On this night, every Officer, without exception, dines in Mess; and this was the C.O.'s last "Colonel's Night." Somehow or other we felt as though something was about to happen, and none of us could just exactly explain what. And then it did happen. And when it happened, to say that we were "all struck of a heap" is to put it mildly.

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The occasion will live long in our memories, and it must be one that is unique in the annals of the Army; for here we had the officers of one unit of the Army making a gift of silver plate to the officers of another unit.

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Immediately after dinner, Lt.-Col. Gover, D.S.O., and Lt.-Col. Craven, M.C., on behalf of the Officers of the R.A.M.C. 50th Division, asked Lt.-Col. Irwin and the Officers of the 5th Batt. to accept a gift of plate consisting of two magnificent silver candelabra and a silver salver. The salver was inscribed as follows:—

"PRESENTED BY THE OFFICERS OF THE
R.A.M.C. 50TH DIVISION (T.A.)
TO THE OFFICERS OF THE
5TH BATT. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (T.A.)
IN APPRECIATION OF
MANY KINDNESSES.
JULY 6TH, 1924."
1908————————1924.

Lt.-Col. Irwin, in accepting the gift, said he was proud to think that the gift had been made during his period of command, and assured the R.A.M.C. that it would be greatly treasured.

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To record all the speeches would be impossible, for every officer present spoke, and each in his own way struck some note. The older officers showed how jealous they were of the tradition and honour of the old Battalion; and when the younger

officers spoke we were proud to feel and know that the tradition and honour of the Regiment were in safe keeping.

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One cannot help feeling impressed on looking back over this evening; we are all thankful that sentiment still plays a large part in our existence; and we here place on record our thanks to our good friends for their handsome gift.

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Sports in camp are not usually successful, owing to lack of time for organisation and lack of opportunity for practice and lack of space. We wisely decided to leave the Battalion Sports till after camp, and a Sports Meeting is being held this month. The Football Cup was played for in camp, and "A" Company was successful in winning it.

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We were more than delighted to see our old friend, Capt. Yates, who paid a flying visit. We only wish he could have stayed longer, so that we might have had the opportunity of letting him see how much we appreciated his visit.

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We extend to Capt. C. W. Fairweather our congratulations on passing his promotion examination—Captain to Major.

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2nd-Lieut. Ashworth, late Durham School O.T.C., has joined us, and we extend to him our fellowship. We know that he will give of his best to the Regiment.

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This was the first camp of our Adjutant, and being a Fusilier himself, we knew we were in safe keeping. What he thought of us in his heart of hearts we cannot say ; but, " mark you ! " we know he did a fortnight's hard work, and we are very proud of him.

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The many cars in camp were a blessing—many thanks to them all. But we missed the Brown 'Bus.

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Training has just concluded ; bounties will soon be paid ; and then the P.S. will be *thinking* about leave.

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It is something of a relief not to hear in the mornings the sounds of " C-o-o-o-o-o-o-k ! "

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The many friends of Colonel Irwin will be delighted to note the following extract from the *London Gazette* :—

" Lt.-Col. A. Irwin, D.S.O., to be Bt.-Colonel with precedence as from Feb. 16th, 1924."

The heartiest congratulations of every Officer, N.C.O., and man of the 5th Battalion are extended to our C.O.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

25th August.

Having settled down once again after camp, everyone's thoughts were turned towards the Annual Outing. Ullswater was the objective this year, and a good turn-out was to be seen on Sunday, the 17th inst., in spite of the weather. Evidently the weather-clerk had not heard of our charabanc trip, or he would have been more kindly disposed towards us.

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We set off from Walker Drill Hall at 8.30 a.m., and after picking up R.Q.M.S. Jude at Corbridge, travelled on to Penrith *via* Hexham and Alston. At Penrith we partook of a fine dinner, served in an excellent manner.

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The weather improved after dinner, and a short stop was called at Pooley Bridge, where some members attempted a short ramble, while our R.Q.M.S. tried his hand at photography.

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We returned to Penrith for tea, and at 6 p.m. a start was made for home, in the best of spirits. Little did we know what the near future held in store for us ! Carlisle was passed, and everyone happy ! Haltwhistle was left behind, and we were still happy. We should have soon been into Hexham, had not the lights failed ! ! !

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After about two hours' solitary waiting, while the Lord High Electrician, who was in our party, tried to assist the driver to procure means of illumination, the following was heard :—

SGT. " SPARKS " : " Driver, have you any petrol ? "

DRIVER : " Yes."

S.S. : " Then give me a drop, and I'll run myself home ! ! "

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However, in the end we borrowed a Council lamp, and proceeded on our journey. Our spirits were still in an undamped condition when we arrived at Walker, in the early hours of Monday morning.

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Since these notes were last published, the Battalion has lost three valuable members in Sgt. R. Arbuckle, Sgt. R. Gorman and Sgt. Bell. They will be missed very much by their respective companies.

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The Battalion is holding its Annual Sports on Saturday, the 23rd, and everything promises to be a great success. Judging from the entries, some good sport and close finishes will be witnessed. We are using the Brigade Sports Ground for the first time.

6TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
27th August, 1924.

These are the " Dog Days," when man and beast either rest from their labours or spin out the monotony of the daily task and common round by sarcastic mumblings at the weather.

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Since our return from Camp it has rained and rained and still rains, and in the fastness of our well-roofed Drill Hall we have often contemplated, with perhaps unkind satisfaction, the fate of our brother territorials water-logged in that cramped field at Ripon which the powers-that-be were good enough to designate a Camp, and of which others had the misfortune to be our successors.

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Nothing very startling has happened beyond the making up of drills to qualify for bounty, and a certain amount of spit and polish in the Drill Hall for the G.O.C.'s inspection, which passed off much to the relief of the Adjutant and his permanent staff, who have the privilege of being responsible that everything is correct and up to schedule.

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We hear rumours of dates being fixed ahead for the Officers' Shoot and the Officers' Golf Cup, but this year the latter is not to be all pleasure, as a week-end Staff Ride is being combined. This may lead to some complication, as a Subalterns' Platoon, fully armed with niblicks and putters, attacking the last green, fully covered by a barrage of golf balls, under the command of Colonel Bogey, would hardly be a real situation.

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But imagination is everything in peace soldiering, and, coupled with a " gift of the gab " and a fluent vocabulary, it will satisfy, if not sicken, any general Staff Officer except our little Sweet William, which nothing satisfies, stultifies, or sickens—but more of this anon.

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Congratulations to the Battalion team on their victory at Whitburn Range, in the Northumberland and Durham Amalgamated Challenge Cup. They won by 9 points, and as the Battalion last won this trophy in 1901 their victory, though belated, is none the less welcome.

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The names of the winning team were :—C.S.M. Hoggins, Sergts. Hullyer, Howson, Simpson, Peak, Chisholm, Richardson, and Campbell.

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There is a nasty rumour about that the Battalion record boards are now going to be brought up to date. The omission to have done this before is not appreciated, but better late than never.

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Bounties are to be paid next month, and there will be several shocks. The sooner all ranks realise that bounties are only paid for services rendered, the better.

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We hear on very good authority that the Band are going to be put into full regalia. As the Durhams and the Yorks have had their Bands in red for two years, this is not before time.

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It is an expensive business, however, and the strain on a territorial officer's pocket is already a pretty heavy one. Everyone, however, agrees that a Band in khaki is rather a drab affair, and are looking forward soon to seeing our Band in all the glory of their war paint—or perhaps it would be more accurate to say peace paint.

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Some budding contributor has sent us the following riddle, which we submit for publication "without prejudice," and accepting no liability. Whether the author is some good friend in the 4th Battalion, trying to drive home to us our inferiority in comparison with the very excellent doggerel verses that have recently appeared in your columns, we know not. The riddle must speak for itself :—

A is the Army for which we're reserve.
B the Battalion we're honoured to serve.
C is the Company we hope to command.
D the Drum Major of Oranges Band.
E is for Eric, or gradual progression.
F is for Franky and "C" Company depression.
G is for Geordie thrice wounded in nose.
H is the Hobbs Boy, a tiger for clothes.
I is for Infantry, nicknamed P.B. 1.
J is for Johnson, our snowflake so shy.
K is for Kalvert, and Karrick Kuthbert.
L is for Leese, correct and alert.
M is the Mess commanded by Perky.
N is the nuisance of the Doc's cough, so jerky.
O are the Orders we never obey.
P is the price all infantry pay.
Q is the query on accounts rendered late ;
R the rejoicing when they're quite out of date.
S is the sport our Dennis enthuses ;
T for the Terriers his football amuses.
V is the vim in the Battalion so far.
U for the Union, with John as their star.
W is for Wilks, who is now past his day.
X for the X's in Camp we can't pay.
Y for the young, or Horace Leigh Criddle.
Z is for zero, the end of this riddle.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
23rd August, 1924.

Congratulations to Lt.-Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., on being gazetted Brevet-Colonel.

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From the daily press we have it that "never, perhaps, has Royalty gone to historic Alnwick with less display of pomp and circumstance than Queen Mary, who arrived there at 4.35 on Monday evening (18th August). There was colour in abundance in the carpeting of the station platform, in the display of bunting and flags overhead, and in the streets of the old town ; there was even a suggestion of military pageantry in the Guard of Honour provided by the men of "C" Company, 7th N.F., who presented arms with a flourish of spotless steel, while the Regimental Band played the National Anthem, but there was no more than that."

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Questioned as to the appearance of his Guard of Honour, O.C. "C" Company replied, in the words of the old song, "We weren't there." Some pressman, evidently unable to be present, had evidently been drawing on a vivid imagination. In part he was correct, for the Band was present, under Bandmaster M. Moore, having been engaged by Alnwick Rural District for the afternoon.

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Major Smail was in charge of a party of Northumberland Fusiliers Territorial Cadets, who joined the composite Brigade, 1,100 strong, which made its second visit to the battlefields of France, between 1st and 9th instant, under Brig.-Genl. R. B. Colvin, C.B. He commanded "D" Company, Southern Cadet Battalion, under Brig.-Genl. W. R. Ludlow, C.B., T.D., D.L. Verdun and Paris were visited, and operations in the former area and at Souain, Champagne, were graphically described by French officers. All ranks of the Brigade were received with the greatest of cordiality by the French. H.M.S. *Yarmouth* conveyed the Cadets to France, and also did the return journey to Dover. Saturday, 9th, was spent by the Northumberland contingent at the Empire Exhibition, and the Sunday in sightseeing, a wreath being laid on the Cenotaph and the Unknown Soldier's Tomb being also included. The twenty young Fusiliers had indeed the time of their lives.

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Re-engagements have been fairly satisfactory during the past month, and a few recruits have also been obtained.

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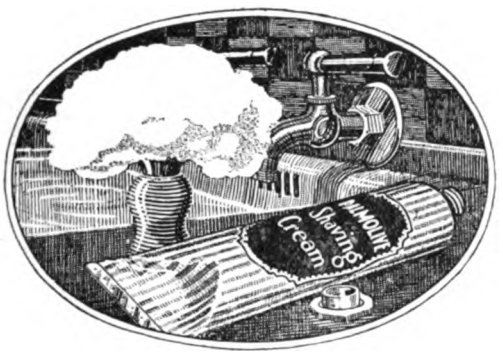

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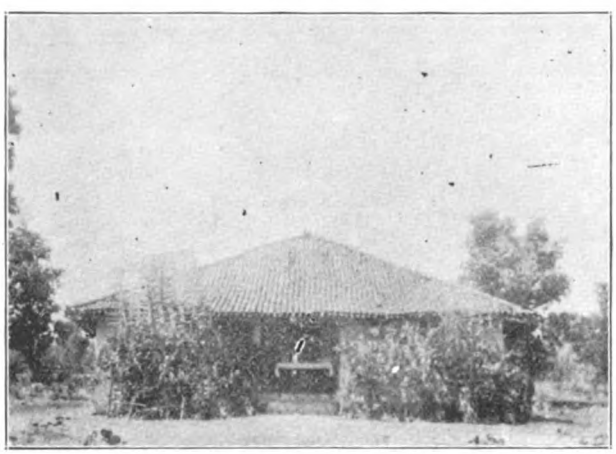
BIG GAME SHOOTING IN INDIA.

EXTRACTS FROM A NOVICE'S DIARY.

To the lazy man, the chief drawbacks to shooting leave are the preparations involved. Once arrangements are complete, supplies, ammunition, tents, camping equipment, etc., packed up, all is comparatively plain sailing.

Fortunately H—— is an energetic man, of the type which finds pleasure in the making of a "bandobast." And so it was that, having meekly acquiesced in all his plans, I found myself sharing a small mud bungalow with him, after a hot and toilsome journey of several days along the rough roads of the Palāmau jungle district.

We had each been allotted a large block of jungle, and the bungalow, which we had chosen as our headquarters, was central for each block, being situated in a long, wide valley stretching between jungle-clad hills. These hills, covered with dense sāl forest, stretched for miles on every side, and were drained by two rivers, the Koil and the Auranga—the former flowing in a wide semicircle through our valley, and being, at the nearest point, some four miles from our headquarters. During most of our stay the river-bed was dry, except that in the lower reaches a small stream flowed, being fed to the river by a wide stream called the Burha Naddi. Though the jungle itself was dry, and no water was to be seen anywhere, thirsty beasts could find water by digging a few inches into the sandy bed of the river or its tributary watercourses.

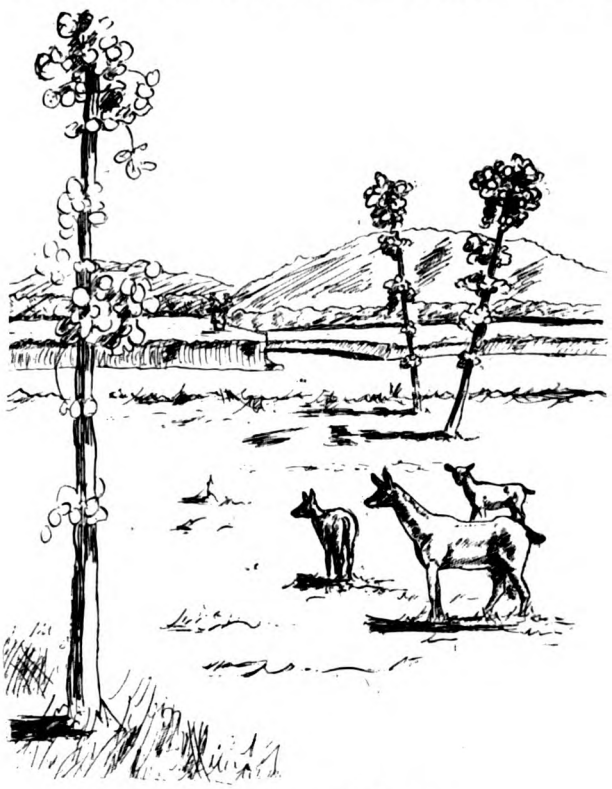


OUR HEADQUARTERS.

We stayed in the jungle some six weeks, and though very disappointed at failing to secure a tiger, or even a panther, we counted ourselves lucky as novices to secure a bison each. The following extracts from my diary show how a few exciting days here and there amongst many blank ones make a leave spent in the jungle worth while, in spite of heat and thirst, hard fare and hard work. Such days have provided the nucleus of the tales which we will tell our children and our children's children, whenever we can corner them past hope of evasion.

For quite a week we well explored our blocks without seeing anything, except deer, which were out of season, peafowl and junglefowl.

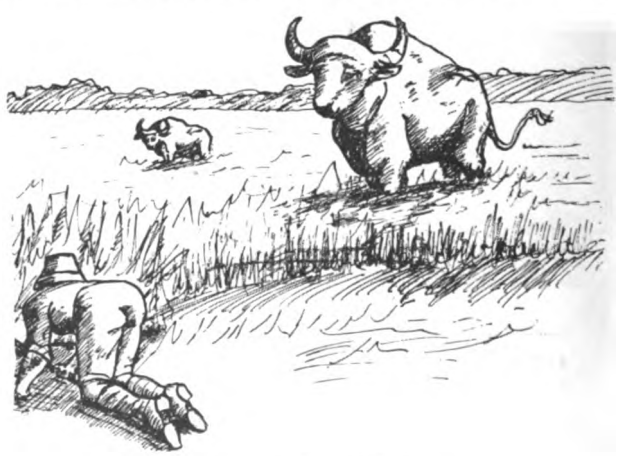
Tuesday, 15th May.—Spent morning in bed till 6 a.m. Stayed in and wrote letters. H—— back about 9 a.m., having seen nothing but a few sambhar. Decided to sleep at Bere to-night. Set out about 5 p.m., with three coolies carrying bed, rifle,



DEER WHICH WERE OUT OF SEASON.

haversack, etc. H—— came short way with me. Shot a grey partridge en route.

Arrived at Bere just before dark. Obtained charpoy from village and put it under a tree about 400 yards from village and a few yards from the edge of the jungle. At dusk startled by a pack of wild dogs or jackals bounding past not 15 yards away. Cocked revolver and tried to get a shot. Could hear one or two hunting about in bushes, but couldn't see them.



"SEEMED TO BE UNAWARE OF ME."

They looked enormous. Dined off a chuppatti and cold tea.

(To be continued.)

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"Quo fata vocant."

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ESTABLISHMENTS.

The following appointments are made :—

Royal Military College.—Officer of Coy. of Gentlemen Cadets.—Capt. E. E. Dorman-Smith, M.C., Northd. Fus., *vice* Bt. Major H. R. Gadd, D.S.O., M.C., Suffolk Regt. (dated 28th August).

The following temporary appointment is made :—

Special Appointment (Class FF).—Lieut. C. R. L. English, Northd. Fus., from Class GG, *vice* Lieut. J. H. Leather, R.A. (dated 7th September).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following Gentlemen Cadets, from the Royal Military College, to be 2nd Lieutenants :—H. S. Flower, W. R. M. Clifford.

Capt. T. M. Scanlan, M.C., is secd. for service on the Staff (dated 1st August).

Capt. G. E. Fenwick, M.C., h.p. list, retires on ret. pay on account of ill health (dated 13th September).

Capt. E. E. Dorman-Smith, M.C., is secd. for service as an Officer of a Coy. of Gentlemen Cadets at the Royal Military College (dated 28th August) ; 2nd Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt to be Lieut. (dated 31st August).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Northd' Fus.—2nd Lieut. G. W. Baird to be Lieut. (dated 5th October, 1922).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

The following to be 2nd Lieutenant :—

INFANTRY.

5th Batt.—H. H. Davidson (late Cadet, Durham School Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) (dated 12th September).

Obituary.

LIEUT. J. W. C. HARCOURT-VERNON, 5th Fus.

The news of the death of Lieut. J. W. C. Harcourt-Vernon came as a great shock to all members of the Regiment who knew him.

Lieut. Harcourt-Vernon joined the 1st Battalion from the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in February, 1920, when the Battalion was stationed at Bordon. He was with us in Ireland in 1921, and accompanied the Regiment to Germany in 1922. He left shortly afterwards to be seconded to the Royal Air Force.

Everyone who knew him recognised in him a staunch Fusilier, whose first thought was always for the Regiment. His generous nature and his constant high spirits were his most outstanding characteristics. There was no ca-canny about him. Everything he did was done with all his energy and with all his heart. He played nearly all games—some with very marked skill, and all with tremendous enthusiasm. The standard he set of *esprit-de-corps* will always remain a very fine example to all those who knew him.

Our deepest sympathy we offer to his widow and family.

MR. F. LATHAM (late 5th Fus.).

Another link with the glorious past has been severed by the death of F. Latham, which, we regret to announce, took place on 10th July, at the age of 65.

Latham served 17 years in the Regiment, and was a fine type of the steady, reliable rank and file soldier. He served throughout the Afghan War of 1878–80, and held the medal for that campaign.

To his relatives, amongst whom is a son now serving in the 2nd Battalion, we offer our sincere sympathy.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

(Owing in some measure to frailty on the part of the Post Office, and also to a misconception on the part of the 1st Battalion Correspondent who addressed them to Staffordshire (!), these notes only reached us on 25th September.—ED. *St. G.G.)*

SATZVEY,

August, 1924.

If at the time of writing we were to close down Satzvey Camp and go away, it would be a long time before we could look back upon our stay here without very mixed feelings regarding the weather. First of all our move had to be postponed for two days owing to an almost unprecedented deluge and gale, whose combined efforts converted the camp into a quagmire and blew down many of the tents. Then, when we did arrive, the ground in our tents squelched under our feet and for the first ten days we had a great deal more than our fair share of rain. Fortunately the billeting schemes, drawn up soon after our arrival as an alternative to camp, for adoption "in the event of very inclement weather," have not yet had to be put in force, and we hope to finish our remaining ten days' training from camp.

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The first week was devoted to battalion training against a skeleton enemy led by Major Forster. We then commenced brigade training in a series of conflicts between the Northumberland forces, partially represented by ourselves, and the Lancastrian forces, partially represented by the York and Lancaster Regiment, the battle raging for the possession of the usual "small independent state," whose inhabitants are neutral. In the coming week the whole brigade is to operate together, culminating in a battle over the thirty miles from camp to Cologne.

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In spite of all the wet weather the health of the Battalion has remained pretty good, the largest sick parade, it is rumoured, being the result, not of the weather, but of the disappearance of an uncertain quantity of unripe apples from a neighbouring orchard.

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Between the date of our return from Leidenhausen and our move to Satzvey, a very successful dance was held in the Officers' Mess, at which we had about a hundred and fifty guests. The success of the evening was largely due to the brilliant efforts of Capt. Lindsay, whose genius for decoration has proved so helpful on other such occasions. The Mess and our rather modest garden were transformed into a veritable fairyland. Again we have rather a grouse against the weather, a few showers and a cold wind intervening, but not sufficiently to interfere with the evident enjoyment of everybody. Our only regret was that, owing to existing regulations on the Rhine, the dance had to come to an end at 1.30 a.m.

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The Band departed just before we moved to camp, on a six weeks' tour in the South of England, at Littlehampton, Margate, Hastings and Worthing. According to the latest information from them, they are receiving the appreciation they deserve, and we wish them every success.

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During our brief stay in barracks some good work was put in at education, 38 candidates obtaining 2nd Class Certificates, while 15 others failed in one subject only.

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In spite of the fact that we have been out on training during most of the Polo season, four of us have managed to play a little. Mr. Bolster played No. 1 for the winners of the Junior Handicap Tournament, and Major Forster, Mr. Bland and Mr.

MR. BOLSTER'S "ROCKET" AND COPP.

Seth-Smith have also been playing. They hope to have a few more games before the season closes. Credit is due to Copp, our stud groom, who incidentally, has the reputation of being the best groom on the Rhine, for keeping the ponies so fit and sound. Photographs of two of his charges appear in this issue.

Mr. Seth-Smith has ridden his mare "Ladybird" in three events. In one of them, a steeplechase, she finished a good third after three and a half miles. Unkind rumours has it that the other horses took the wrong course, but we still hope for her success. Mr. Bland's "Molly" has also appeared once on

MR. SETH-SMITH'S "LADYBIRD."

the race course. Mr. Crawhall, who rode her, has given it as his considered opinion that her chances of success are not likely to improve until she has learnt to start facing the gate instead of turning her back to it.

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A draft of 110 left us on the 19th August for England, prior to going to India. We flatter ourselves that it was a pretty good draft, and wish its members the best of luck with the 2nd Battalion. Mr. Collingwood, who took them to England, also goes to India with them.

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Major Critchley-Salmonson and Mr. Steele both emerged successful from Hythe. The former is also reported to have been seen at (*a*) the Eton and Harrow match, (*b*) one or two theatres, (*c*) the Zoological Gardens, (*d*) a dinner party in honour of Ras Taffari, one of his savage African acquaintances, etc., etc. . . . . Not bad for a month's course on the Light Automatic ! !

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Mr. Newstead has successfully passed the oral portion of his promotion examination, but unless he brightens up his present knowledge of such items as the length of the Suez Canal we fear the worst may happen in the written portion.

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Capt. Braddell had the misfortune to be admitted to hospital during the early part of this month, with scarlet fever, and is at present languishing in a wire cage, doubtless filled with envy at the thought of us prancing light-heartedly up and down the heights of Schaven and Kommern. We wish him a speedy recovery in time for Divisional Training.

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SEMI-FINAL KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

Played at Lindenthal, 27th and 28th July, 1924, between the 5th Fusiliers and 60th Rifles.

5TH FUSILIERS. 1ST INNINGS.

Capt. Pemberton, b White	4
Lieut. Crawhall, c and b Stafford	8
2nd Lieut. McMullen, c Mauditt, b White	0
Lieut. Kilgour, c and b Bower	7
Capt. Arkwright, b White	38
Lieut. Butterfield, c Prentice, b Gurney	15
2nd Lieut. Jones, b Bower	8
Lieut. English, c Wilson, b Bower	2
Lieut. Beckwith, c and b Bower	0
2nd Lieut. Collingwood, c Wilson, b Bower	0
Corpl. Obey, not out	3
Extras	15
Total	100

Fall of wickets :—1—5, 2—5, 3—14, 4—43, 5—80, 6—87, 7—89, 8—91, 9—97 10—100.

Bowling :—Lt. Bower, 4—30; Lt. White, 4—27; Lt. Stafford, 1—10; Lt. Gurney, 1—18.

60TH RIFLES.

Lieut. Littledale, b Arkwright	4
Lieut. Davis, c Kilgour, b Arkwright	9
Capt. Wilson, b Arkwright	200
Lieut. Wilson, b Arkwright	0
Rfm. Prentice, b Arkwright	27
Lieut. Trench, c McMullen, b Arkwright	3
Lieut. White, b Arkwright	2
Capt. Mauditt, c Collingwood, b Beckwith	48
Lieut. Bower, not out	69
Lieut. Gurney, b Arkwright	5
Lieut. Stafford, b Jones	7
Extras	13
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Fall of wickets :—1—14, 2—15, 3—15, 4—102, 5—106, 6—122, 7—232, 8—359, 9—373, 10—387.

Bowling :—Capt. Arkwright, 8—118; Lt. Kilgour, 0—100; Lt. Jones, 1—47; Cpl. Obey, 0—63; Lt. Beckwith, 1—31; Lt. Collingwood, 0—15.

5TH FUSILIERS. 2ND INNINGS.

2nd Lieut. Jones, c Trench, b Bower	1
Lieut. Crawhale, c White, b Stafford	21
2nd Lieut. McMullen, c Littledale, b White	1
Lieut. Kilgour, c Trench, b White	9
Capt. Arkwright, b Stafford	16
Lieut. Butterfield, b Stafford	1
Capt. Pemberton, c Stafford, b Gurney	11
Lieut. English, c Mauditt, b Gurney	8
Lieut. Beckwith, c Wilson, b Gurney	1
2nd Lieut. Collingwood, c White, b Trench	0
Cpl. Obey, not out	0
Extras	7
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Fall of wickets :—1—2, 2—3, 3—15, 4—43, 5—46, 6—59, 7—75, 8—76, 9—76 10—76.

ST. GEORGE'S PEPYS.

5th August.—News this day of grave hurt to my lord Buick's car, and he, with his outgoings exceedynge his gettynges and his insurance run out, in a state of grate gloome and perplexitie as to how to pave for the mendynge of it; and the Duke of Nairobi now satisfied of his superioritie as a driver.

7th August.—Earlie to my companie, where infinitie of business to do, which makes my head full; and indeede for these two or three dayes I have not been without a grate many cares, what with gettynge readie for movynge to campe, and preparynge of a force for the Indies, and the everlastynge care of cleanynge the soulderes eatynge roomes.

1ST BATTALION CRICKET TEAM V. R.A.S.C., JULY, 1924.

8th August.—This day comes a notice that owing to foule weather our move to campe is postponed for two dayes, and so praise be to God that I now have leisure to finish in comforte the many thynges to do with such moves which I thought to have been forced to do in some haste.

10th August (Lord's Day).—To church, where the parson did make a very prettie, sober, honest sermon, and delivered it very readilie and decentlie beyond his yeares; so I was exceedinglie taken with it, and, I believe, the whole church. Meetynge my lord Donald after church he did not a little please himself to acquaint me of how this afternoon he was to take tea with a Princesse. At this I was mightilie impressed and filled with envie of his easie familiaritie with these persons of high estate, for in like case I should surelie cut a sorrie figure myself, being over-prone to anxietie and nervousness in their presence.

11th August.—To the campe this day by trayne, and a mightie tedious business it was, the journey of thirtie miles takynge three hours, and our trayne being often put aside for other traynes to go on, whereby I do perceive our occupation to be but a poor pretense when the movynge of our soulderes is made second in importance to the convenience of our late enemies. The campe all wet and slime, and so to bed with a heavie heart wishynge myself back in barrackes.

12th August.—This day the drummer did sounde for orderly serjeants seven and thirtie times.

13th August.—Out betimes and to the village of Wisskerchen, where the soulderes were to practise skirmishynge, and while sittynge at the roadside waitynge for them to commence was much perplexed to hear much shouting and huzzas from them so that I did imagine there must be some grate Personage comynge and was wishynge I had on my richest coat and pantaloons, but it fell out that all the hubbub was in jest for the comynge of a partie of seventeen soulderes who havynge

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remayned in the campe to see the chirurgeon on pretext of illness had been sent forth by him to do their skirmishynge after all.

14th August.—This day only one soulder to see the chirurgeon.

22nd August.—Returned to campe at noone after skirmishynge yesterday all the way to Weisenbrunnen, where we halted for a portion of the night, sleeping but three hours, and that in the fieldes, and up at three in the mornynge skirmishynge back again until ten of the clock in the mornynge. Then mightie discourse of all the directors and colonels and captaines together for two hours wherein many plans were talked of, some wisely some foolishly; devilishlie vexed during the discourse at hearynge an umpire at pains to criticyze the skirmishynge of one of our companies, I knowinge full well that he had not rightlie understood what they had been doing, but being wearie and hungrie with some difficultie held my peace and let him have his saye rather than prolong the discourse. And so mightie contented to be back to my tente at noone, whereby I do perceive that no matter how ill we imagine our condition to be, worse can oft be supported, I never thinkynge when leavynge barrackes to be well pleased with the poor comfort of a tente.

In messe at night more discourse, this time with my lord Donald, and he talkynge, albeit with much modestie, of his doings in the war. I do perceive that without his service our armies might well have been in doubtful posture on many occaysions.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,
September, 1924.

Brigade Training is now but a memory of rain and slush, which pursued us to the bitter end. In spite, however, of all the depressing weather—out of twenty-two days we had rain every day except two—our sick rate remained quite normal, and when we marched past the Brigade Commander, on our return to Barracks on the last day, he complimented us on our healthy appearance and good marching—so all is well.

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Since we returned, feverish attempts have been made to finish the Inter-Company Cricket, which is still going on, with "Y" Company at the moment well to the fore.

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There has also been a Company march which, after all the necessary garrison employ had been found, took nearly every available man out of barracks for three days. Each Company supplied one platoon at war strength, and detachments of signallers and machine gunners accompanied the force.

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The Company march was quite a success, but all who took part in it agreed, after the escapade on the night of the 16th/17th, when half-a-dozen officers succeeded in alarming the whole of the opposing force, that it was just as well that they were not spending another night out!

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The Brigade Commander's annual inspection of books and accounts took place on the 13th, but as that was a week ago, company commanders and officers in charge of regimental funds are slowly losing the care-worn expression that temporarily was theirs.

The Band returned on the 19th from a very successful tour of six weeks on the South coast of England. Apparently they were deservedly appreciated wherever they went, and this is borne out by the fact that the authorities at Folkestone, Hastings, Margate and Worthing, the four places they visited, have all offered them engagements for next year.

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While on the subject of the Band, mention must be made of Sgt. Peppiatt and his small following, who stepped into the breach while the remainder were away and provided music for Church Parade and on the march. They had no easy task, since, except on Sundays when they had to play with little or no practice, they went out every day on Battalion and Brigade Training as skeleton enemy or stretcher-bearers. Great credit is therefore due to them for the excellent show they put up.

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Captain Braddell was happily recovered from his indisposition by the time we returned from Brigade Training, and he commanded the Company march. The hearty manner in which he tackled his operation orders was evidence of his determination to make up for lost time.

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Mr. Bland disappeared to Engleskirchen immediately we returned to barracks, or perhaps it would be more correct to say that in the brief intervals between Company cricket matches he paid spasmodic visits to Englekirchen.

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On the 22nd, for positively the last time this training season, the "Battalion will move" to take part in Divisional Training, which will last six days in all. The Rhine Army, it appears, is to be opposed by a very mobile enemy, so it would be idle to speculate upon what portions of the Rhineland we shall not touch while careering wildly in his wake. One thing we do know—we come back by train. Major Forster and Mr. Newstead will leave us to go umpiring during manoeuvres, as they did during Brigade Training.

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This month's worst Limerick:—

A horsey young fellow named Bolo
Spent most of his time playing polo,
But in spite of his pashion
For this game of fashion
He never hit one single golo.

ST. GEORGE'S PEPYS.

30th August.—Eatynge this noone at the clubbe found Sir Solly Tombland and Sir Steve Smith grately excited about the prospects of their horses winnynge at the horse racynge this daye, but newes came later of how Sir Solly Tombland's horse was last in one race by reason of its startynge the wrong way, and Sir Steve Smith's was last in another even though startynge the right way, so that these two noble creatures, whatever else their good or bad qualities, do whether or no display the virtue of consistencie, insomuch as they have each now twice finished after this fashion.

2nd September.—This day by march route on the last stayge to barrackes, the regiment marchynge by the generalle near the end, and so to the barracke square where they were marshalled very neat and orderlie; and after the commandynge officer in a few words sayinge how decentlie and cheerfullie they

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had borne themselves under sorrie conditions of weather, and tellynge them how the generalle was well contented with their marchynge, and counsellynge them to keep themselves in goode condition for more manoeuvrynges in three weekes time, they were sent off by the adjutante, but he hardlie sayinge the word before there comes a mightie bellowe from the serjeante-major for orderlie serjeants so that I do perceive the only time these poor fellowes have any peace is when they are engaged on skirmishynge or marchynge. All mightie contented to be sleepynge in dry beds after all the foule weather in campe.

5th September.—In discourse of the officeres I hear Sir Steve Smith hath a mind to sell his mare "Ladybird," and hopes to get a goodlie sum for her, she being now so famous as a race horse. And to this end, 'tis said, he displayes a picture of the beast, with a tale of all the trophies gayned by her at the racynge in Colonne.

7th September.—At crickett this day did witness the defeat by "Y" Companie of "X" Companie, and they, though sorely pressed went down fightynge with much braverie but little success against the direful pitchynge of serjeante-major Knobbi whose fierce moustachios and ominous chucklynges alone sufficed to strike terror in their heartes, insomuch that many from amongst them could do no more than smirke and gibber and so were undone. In this same match much noisie discourse from our Serjeant-Major Donke, he sayinge that officeres ought not to take a part in these contestes, but methinks his judgement on this point a trifle jaundiced by the chance that his owne officeres do hap to be but sorrie exponents of the gayme, the more so by comparison with my lords Sessel and Macmichael of "Y" Companie.

9th September.—Whilst at crickett on the barracke square comes a grate closed waggon such as is used to carry horses, and on it stoppynge at the stable door there hasten around it with much ado all the nightie and learned judges of horse flesh, Sir Steve Smith, Sir Solly Tombland, and that grate Frenchman Le Vicomte Beauleau, all agog and a-fussynge and thinkynge, of their profounde knowledge of horses to say at a glance whether or not this new creature will excel at leapynge, or racynge or polo, and at last, their impatience the whiles waxynge greater and greater, the door is opened, and they pressynge around and cranynge their neckes, out walkes a childe's pony but little bigger than a grate dog, wherrupon lookynge mightie foolish and discomfitted they returned to their gayme of cricket.

12th September.—Arising betimes and to the messe did see standynge outside it a straynge lookynge vehickle in the semblance of a motor carre, but with no steerynge apparatus so that methought this was some new device of the grate men of science who control the movements of such thynges by wireless, but on enquirynge did learne that this was but the well-tried carre of the Duke of Nairobi who, leavynge it at night outside a playce of amusement, and comynge out and findynge the steerynge wheel taken away by some poor fools with but a sorrie sense of humour, did dryve it home with a walkynge stick, more dangerous than ever, all the while swearynge grate oathes to slay with it at least three Germans as a set-off, but whether he will do this by accident or design methinks is a matter for grate speculation.

16th September.—At dinner this nighte in the village of Wirmelskirchen, whither a companie had come for three dayes' skirmishynge against a force of Highlanders, several young blades of our officeres conceived a plan to raise an alarum in the village of the Highlanders, and this they did with no small measure of success, the Highlanders with their officeres all runnynge to and fro in the dark amid mightie swearynge and confusion, and what with the soulderes a-blowynge of trumpets and discharging their musketts at they knew not what, and the officeres all shoutynge different commandes in the night, a grate hubbub, whereat our officeres returned safe and sounde, well contented at the stir they had caused.

And later in the same night came six officeres and seventie odd soulderes of the Highlanders, all mightie warlike with musketts and Lewis pieces and wearynge all their warre equipment, with intent to raise a still greater alarum in our village of Wirmelskirchen, and to this intent they tramped with mightie brayve showynge up and down and around our village, dischargeing their musketts and makynge prettie play with coloured lights, but all to no purpose—save that the civil populace seemed grateful for this displaye of fireworkes all gratis and for nothynge—for not a soulder of our companie did stir nor could the Highlanders discover where we were sleepynge, though they were trampynge up and down beneath the windowes of an alehouse where six of our officeres who were stayinge there were well nigh beside themselves with merriment behind the windowe curtaines. And at last they withdrew to their owne village, nothing achieved, leavynge the children of our village mightie disappointed that the fireworks were finished; and now all the discourse will be of how six of our officeres did, as a jeste, succeed in alarmynge the whole of the Highlanders' village, while the Highlanders, at grate pains to bring six officeres and seventie odd soulderes a distance of five miles for the like purpose of alarmynge us, returned discomfitted havynge done nothing.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Apologies are due to all concerned for the lack of notes last month. In truth, preparations for manoeuvres have been so very persistent that there has been time for little else but scanning maps and getting our boots and socks in "full marching order." And now we are on the move, and in the thick of the fray.

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We have actually been twenty feet from an aeroplane (in full flight), and we have also had the most thrilling experience of passing a number of Tanks on the road.

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We marched out of barracks on 21st inst., and spent our first night at Gymnich, 14 miles away.

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Speculation is now rife as to the names of our future destinations. After Gymnich, here are some suggested places of call near at hand:—

Runninschortz,
Phlanalvest,
Soccernichs,
Knapsach,
Weischutz.

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At the present time we are very scattered, so it is practically impossible to give details of all the detached Messes.

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The Married Families Outing took place at Bruhl on 19th inst., and this was very successful and enjoyable. Sergts. Walsh, Baker and A/S.Sgt. Taylor were the chief clowns, and caused considerable amusement among young and old alike.

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C.Q.M.S. Woods has left us for hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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We notice that although Woods, Murphy and Co. are away from us, the number of people interested in motor lorries has not decreased.

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For some reason or other the "Worshipful Company of Leather Bangers and Spoilers" have joined the merry throng.

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Their "war cry"—exclusively chanted by the "Chief Wam Wam Flatcher"—consists of the following :—

"Tsiang Chee Tsuc,
Tsiang Tsiang Tse,
Bea Boch Tsek,
Ysang ve Tsuc,"

which being translated means :—

"We are so clever,
We 'dodge the column,'
The marching column,
Also the Quartermaster."

Sung in Chinese (of which the Great Chief knows a very considerable amount), the chant is very effective.

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We welcome to our midst Sergt. Murphy (from Munster Fusiliers). We sincerely hope that his stay with us is as pleasant as his company.

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We offer our congratulations to Sgts. Greenstock and Kirby, both having been blessed with baby girls (one each). Mothers and children are doing well.

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Our congratulations are also due to Lce.-Sgts. Johnson and Crawley on their promotion to Sergeant.

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We regret the absence of cartoons from this issue, but owing to manoeuvres, time for the drawing of these has not been available.

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ODE TO MANOEUVRES.

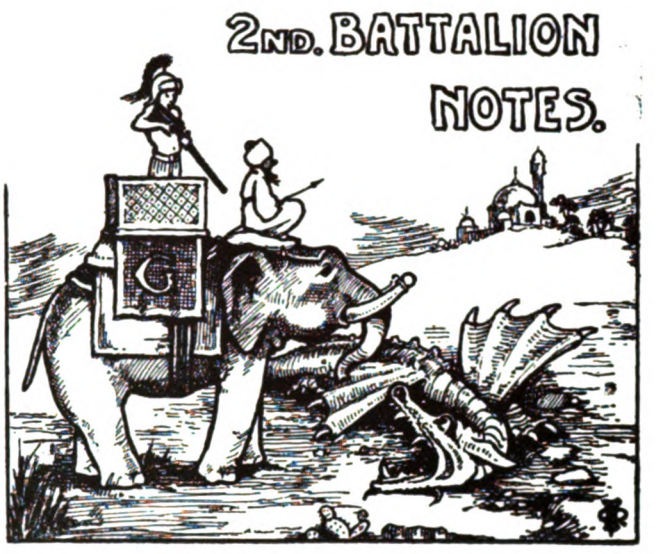
When Marshal Nap., the Frenchy bloke,
Was living—many years ago—
A famous axiom he spoke,
It's meaning I will try to show.

His Army always liked their grub,
And Nap. (cute boy) he gave them plenty ;
He always halted at a pub,
And stuck them beers—not one, but twenty !

"On stomachs stout my Army tramps,
And my decree, I will fulfil it,
Give them good beer, and bags of food,
And feather beds in every billet."

And now, in Nineteen twenty-four,
Our Army on its stomach's moving,
An I many drag it on the floor—
It's muscle, not the food, that's proving.

A. H. M.



FYZABAD,

20th August, 1924.

A good many wild pigeons have made their way into the barracks during the hot weather, and it was decided to take advantage of the empty state of the barracks to hold a shoot. The supply of cartridges proved rather a difficulty, but seven officers, two warrant officers and three other ranks succeeded in one evening in bagging 52. Another party a few days later bagged some 44, shooting round Fyzabad jail.

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The only real events of interest during the month has been the various Rugby matches, the results of which are given elsewhere.

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The new cinema is now well under way, and is proving enormously superior to our late show.

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RUGBY NOTES.

Rugby started under great disadvantages, as for the first three weeks the change in hill detachments left us here with little chance of seriously raising a team.

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Enthusiasm, however, triumphed over all obstacles, and two games a week were played against the remainder of the station.

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Our first fixture was a station match, Fyzabad *v.* Bareilly.

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This took place only six days after the first hill party had returned; the Fyzabad team, with the exception of Lieut. Roberts, R.F.A., and Lieut. Beresford, 1/9th Royal Jats, was composed entirely of FIFTH Fusiliers.

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The Bareilly team, which included 14 Officers of the Welch Regt., Tank Corps, Gunners, etc., on paper seemed an exceedingly strong combination, and our first impression of them as they emerged from the train was certainly most terrifying: the first to emerge being well over 6 ft. and broad in proportion, with several others nearly as large.

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The ground was in first-rate order, and as the teams lined up the visitors seemed a good stone per man the heavier team.

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For the first few minutes the game was fast and even, but it soon became apparent that the pace set by our forwards was too much for Bareilly; our forwards had complete control in each scrum, feeding the three-quarter line well. The three-quarter were at a disadvantage in that they had not played together before, and rather lacked speed.

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Ten minutes after the game started, a good rush by our forwards for a line out brought the ball within easy reach of our opponents' end, and Fus. Allen scored our first try, which was converted by Fus. Adamson.

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For the remainder of the first half, the game was markedly in our favour, but we failed to score; and shortly before half-time a very good run by Lieut. Davidson, Kumaon Rifles, scored between our posts: the try was converted and scores stood even at half-time.

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The second half developed into an entirely forward game, in which our superiority in combination told more and more, the game being continually on our opponents' 25 yard line: excellent tackling on the part of Bareilly prevented our team scoring time after time. Eventually from a lead out in a scrum, Lieut. Fryer got possession of the ball, and scored a goal with a well judged drop kick, leaving us the winners by 9–5.

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The unusual sight of sitting down some 40 to dinner in the hot weather, was not the least pleasant part of Bareilly's visit.

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Teams were as follows:—

FYZABAD.—*Back*: Lieut. Fryer. *Three-quarters*: Lieut. Beresford (1/9th Royal Jats), Lieut. Roberts (R.F.A.), Fus. Emmett ("A" Coy.), Fus. Allen (H.Q. Coy.). *Halves*: Fus. Kirkpatrick ("D" Coy.), Fus. Clayton ("A" Coy.). *Forwards*: Lieut. Humphreys, Lieut. Pringle, Lieut. Earle, Lieut. Martin, Sgt. Parkin ("C" Coy.), Fus. Pearson ("B" Coy.), Fus. Hall ("A" Coy.), Fus. Adamson (H.Q. Wing). *Referee*: Lieut. H. A. Ingledew. *Linesman*: Fus. Allen ("C" Coy.).

BAREILLY.—Welch Regt.: Capt. Daniel, Capt. Ford, Lieut. Lewis, Lieut. Lewin, 2nd Lieut. Corkery. 17th Battery R.F.A.: Lieut. Holbrook, Lieut. MacLeod, Lieut. Mansberg, L./Bdr. Chapell. 6th Armoured Car Coy.: Capt. Thrupp, Lieut. Milnes, Lieut. Moffet. C. of E. Chaplain: Rev. Hare. Kumaon Rifles: Lieut. Davidson. R.A.M.C.: Capt. Mackenzie.

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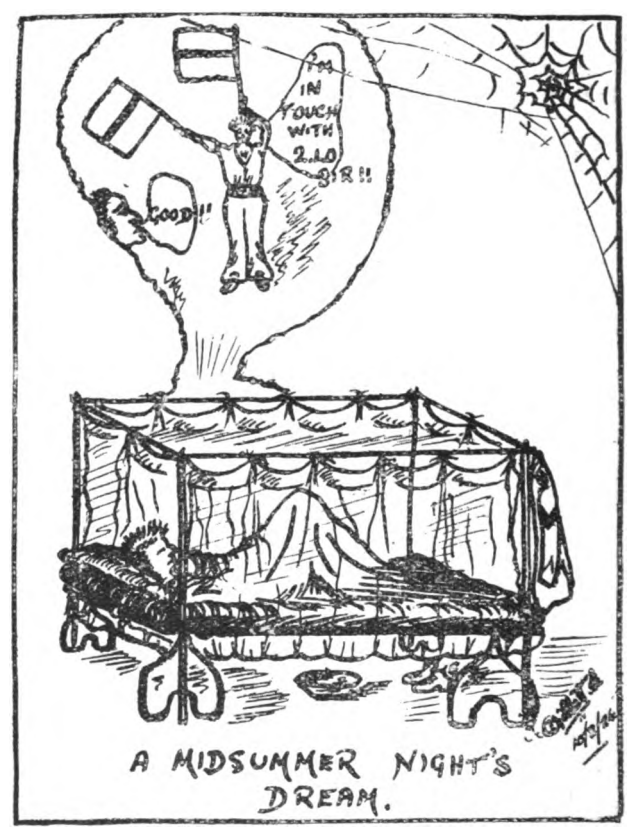
The Regimental Rugby team has been entered for the West Cup, a competition consisting of Army and Civil teams from



United Provinces. In the first round we were drawn to meet the 1st Cheshire Regt. at Fyzabad on 9th August. Again our opponents appeared to be the bigger team, but in the game which ensued were quite outclassed, particularly by our back lines, and we won by the comfortable margin of 19-0. The following represented the Battalion:—

Back: Lieut. Fryer, M.C. *Three-quarters*: Cpl. Dickinson ("A" Coy.), Fus. Emmett ("A" Coy.), Fus. Allen ("C" Coy.), Fus. Allen (H.Q. Wing). *Halves*: Fus. Clayton ("A" Coy.), Fus. Kirkpatrick ("A" Coy.). *Forwards*: Lieut. Humphreys, Lieut. Pringle, Lieut. Martin, Lieut. Earle, Sgt. Parkin ("C" Coy.), Fus. Hall ("C" Coy.), Fus. Adamson (H.Q. Wing), Fus. Pearson ("C" Coy.).

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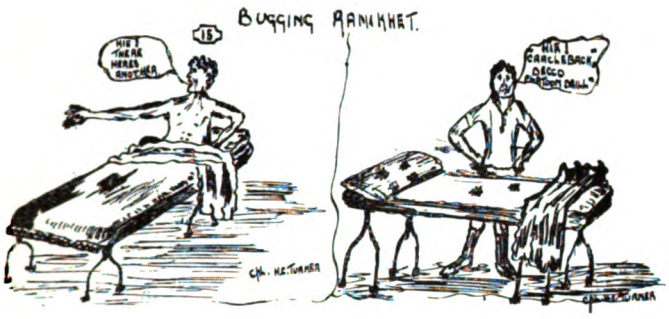
SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We have to welcome to the Mess the following new members on promotion to ranks as stated :—Sgt. Pearson, Sgt. Ashton,



Sgt. Grace, and the following on appointments :—Lce.-Sgt. Fellows, Lce.-Sgt. Wood and Lce.-Sgt. Holmes.

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At the same time we must offer our congratulations on their promotion to the following :—C.Q.M.S. Williams, D.C.M. ; Sgt. Surtees, Sgt. Parkins and Sgt. Dolby.

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The past period has been a slack one. The only other item of note has been the departure of the second hill party, which includes the following members of the Mess :—C.S.M.'s Hodsell and Tyrrell, C.Q.M.S. Scott, Sergts. Scott, Surtees, Merrin, Bowker, Arkwright, Ward, Sgt.-Dmr. Brace, L/Sgts. Wood and Brown ; and the return of the first hill party, including C.S.M. Brockelsby, D.C.M. ; C.Q.M.S. Moon, Sergts. Higgins, Grace, Drummond, Hamilton, Lce.-Sgts. Evans, Fellows and Armourer-Sgt. Adams.

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C.S.M. Prophet, C.Q.M.S. Willson, Sgts. Hebburn, Parkins and Jackson are with us again after a protracted period of leave.

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C.Q.M.S. Davis, Sgts. Keith and Fitzgerald have gone on leave to the bracing air of the hill stations, whilst the R.Q.M.S. has left unaccompanied for the fashionable hill town of Mussoorie. So we are in very small numbers in the Mess, but duty and a grouse really makes the time fly.

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Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Davis on the arrival of a son, and Sergt. and Mrs. Fitzgerald a daughter, Sergt. and Mrs. Scott a daughter, Sergt. and Mrs. Ingham a daughter, Lce.-Sgt. and Mrs. Evans a daughter, and Lce.-Sgt. and Mrs. Holmes a son—all in the merry months of July and early August.

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Our Hockey Team has been in action against the local police, on three occasions away from home. The first two games were lost by the only goal scored, 1—0 each time, but forced a draw on the last occasion. We found the police very tough opponents and extraordinary keen to get us down. We were much indebted to the Inspector, Mr. Farrant, for his hospitality and general kindness.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

The undermentioned are appointed unpaid Lance-Corporals with effect from 1st January, 1924 :—No. 4257208 Fus. C. Frayne, "A" Coy. and No. 4258639 Fus. J. McGuire, "A" Coy.

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The undermentioned are appointed paid Corporals with effect from dates stated :—No. 4256803 Lce.-Cpl. A. W. Green, H.Q. Coy., with effect from 3rd March, 1924 ; No. 4260219 Lce.-Cpl. G. Boon, "D" Coy., with effect from 6th July, 1923 ; No. 4257681 Lce.-Cpl. H. C. Turner, "B" Coy., with effect from 25th July, 1923.

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No. 7809642 Lce.-Cpl. W. Tindall, H.Q. Coy., appointed paid A/Corporal with effect from 1st August, 1923.

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No. 7809642 Cpl. W. Tindall, H.Q. Coy., appointed Orderly Room Clerk with effect from 1st August, 1923.

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The undermentioned are confirmed in the rank of Corporal with effect from 16th February, 1923 :—No. 4260443 A/Cpl. G. Heaven, H.Q. Coy., and No. 4256786 A/Cpl. E. Baker, H.Q. Coy.

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No. 4260871 Fus. J. Hare, H.Q. Coy., appointed A/Drummer with effect from 24th January, 1924.

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No. 4261593 Fus. H. Staley, H.Q. Coy., appointed A/Bandsman with effect from 27th December, 1923.

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No. 4256797 Cpl. H. Rutherford, H.Q. Coy., appointed paid Sergeant with effect from 19th December, 1923.

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No. 4257172 Cpl. (unpaid Lce.-Sgt.) C. Couse, "C" Coy.,

absorbed in establishment of paid Lce.-Sergeants with effect from 7th February, 1924.

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No. 4257353 Cpl. C. Dolby, H.Q. Coy., appointed paid Lce.-Sergeant with effect from 22nd December, 1923.

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The undermentioned are promoted to paid Corporals with

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How much do you charge for a bath?
Two Annas, Sir - but you can have a dozen tickets for a rupee.
But — how do I know I shall live for another twelve years?

effect from dates stated:—No. 4260519 Lce.-Cpl. N. Fairley, "C" Coy., 17th December, 1923; No. 4260617 Lce.-Cpl. T. Rawthorne, "C" Coy., 19th December, 1923; No. 4257173 Lce.-Cpl. A. Williams, "C" Coy., 22nd December, 1923; No. 4260885 Lce.-Cpl. E. Baker, "C" Coy., 5th March, 1924.

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The undermentioned are appointed paid Lce.-Corporals with effect from dates stated:—No. 4256266 Lce.-Cpl. G. Ouzman, "B" Coy., 9th November, 1923; No. 4257642 Lce.-Cpl. A. Faid, "B" Coy., 18th November, 1923; No. 4257517 Lce.-Cpl. M. Shepherdson, "B" Coy., 17th December, 1923; No. 4257864 Lce.-Cpl. J. Gibbons, "B" Coy., 19th December, 1923; No. 4260881 Lce.-Cpl. W. Wilshaw, "B" Coy., 19th December, 1923; No. 4260740 Lce.-Cpl. H. Scott, "B" Coy., 22nd December, 1923; No. 4257400 Lce.-Cpl. G. B. Cross, "D" Coy., 22nd December, 1923; No. 4257471 Lce.-Cpl. J. Turnbull, H.Q. Coy., 5th March, 1924; No. 4257348 Lce.-Cpl. G. Stirling, "C" Coy., 5th March, 1924; No. 4257097 Lce.-Cpl. J. White, "C" Coy., 5th March, 1924; No. 4258444 Lce.-Cpl. G. Bramwell, "C" Coy., 16th March, 1924; No. 4257804 Lce.-Cpl. G. Green, "C" Coy., 20th March, 1924; No. 4257268 Lce.-Cpl. E. Stobbs, "C" Coy., 20th March, 1924; No. 4257257 Lce.-Cpl. T. P. Daley, "C" Coy., 20th March, 1924; No. 4259076 Lce.-Cpl. W. Russell, "C" Coy., 20th March, 1924; No. 4261198 Lce.-Cpl. E. Sims, "C" Coy., 20th March, 1924.

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No. 4256944 C.Q.M.S. (A/C.S.M.) G. Brockelsby, "A" Coy., promoted W.O. Class II. with effect from 19th March, 1924.

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No. 4256589 Sgt. (A/C.Q.M.S.) J. Scott, "C" Coy., promoted C.Q.M.S. with effect from 19th March, 1924.

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No. 4257748 Lce.-Cpl. C. Alder, H.Q. Coy., appointed paid Lce.-Cpl. with effect from 4th April, 1924.

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No. 6481619 A/Drummer C. Toulouse, "A" Coy., appointed Drummer with effect from 10th April, 1924.

No. 4256770 Sgt. A. G. Moon, "A" Coy., appointed C.Q.M.S. with effect from 15th May, 1924.

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The undermentioned are appointed paid Lce.-Corporals with effect from dates stated:—No. 4260788 Lce.-Cpl. C. Head, H.Q. Coy., 18th May, 1924; No. 4257703 Lce.-Cpl. G. Maddison, "B" Coy., 23rd May, 1924; No. 4256411 Lce.-Cpl. S. Churchill, H.Q. Coy., 10th June, 1924.

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No. 7807947 Sgt. T. Williams, D.C.M., "D" Coy., promoted C.Q.M.S. with effect from 17th June, 1924.

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The undermentioned are appointed unpaid Lance-Corporals with effect from 25th June, 1924:—No. 4262523 Fus. J. Tulip, H.Q. Coy.; No. 4262050 Fus. J. Miller, "D" Coy.; No. 4262330 Fus. J. Noble, "D" Coy.; No. 4257402 Fus. J. Tennant, H.Q. Coy.; No. 4256745 Fus. T. Rodeers, "C" Coy.; No. 7310173 Fus. F. Jacobs, "C" Coy.; No. 4260080 Fus. R. Sumpter, "B" Coy.; No. 4261892 Fus. R. Burns, "A" Coy.; No. 2200704 Fus. G. Johnson, "B" Coy.; No. 4257684 Fus. M. Whitelock, "B" Coy.; No. 4261774 Fus. R. Smith, "D" Coy.; No. 4260380 Fus. F. Gage, "C" Coy.; No. 4257258 Fus. R. Geddes, "D" Coy.

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No. 7814332 Fus. J. Tiernay, "A" Coy., appointed Corporal on probation in the Indian Corps of Clerks (British Wing) with effect from 1st February, 1924.

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The undermentioned are appointed paid Lance-Corporals with effect from dates stated:—No. 4257504 Lce.-Cpl. G. Collins, H.Q. Coy., 18th May, 1924; No. 4258835 Lce.-Cpl. H. Palmer, "D" Coy., 23rd May, 1924; No. 4261130 Lce.-Cpl. F. Bugg, "D" Coy., 10th June, 1924; No. 4257090 Lce.-Cpl. J. Little, H.Q. Coy., 12th June, 1924; No. 4258484 Lce.-Cpl. U. Smith, "D" Coy., 16th June, 1924; No. 4257720 Lce.-Cpl. W. Charlton, "C" Coy., 2nd July, 1924; No. 4258145 Lce.-Cpl. F. Bell, H.Q. Coy., 28th July, 1924; No. 4258057 Lce.-Cpl. S. Waugh, 30th July, 1924.

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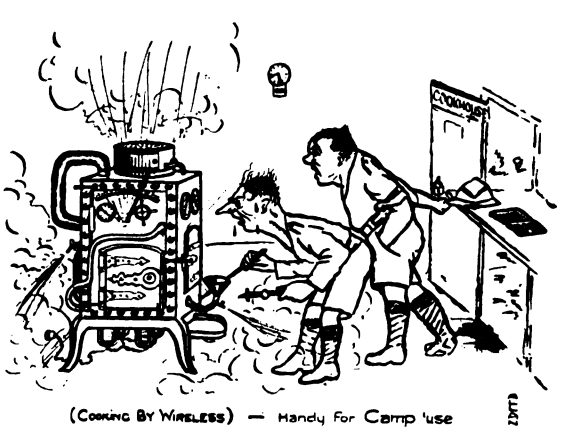
No. 4257085 Cpl. M. Grace, "A" Coy., promoted paid Sergeant with effect from 17th June, 1924.



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No. 4261877 Lce.-Cpl. J. Young, "A" Coy., promoted paid Corporal with effect from 17th June, 1924.

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No. 4257205 Lce.-Cpl. J. J. Whitlam, "C" Coy., appointed paid Lce.-Cpl. with effect from 30th July, 1924.

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The undermentioned are promoted to paid Sergeants with effect from 17th May, 1924 :—No. 4257028 Lce.-Sgt. L. Surtees, "C" Coy., on obtaining 2nd Class Certificate of Education, *vice* Dickinson to Supernumerary Strength on 12th January, 1924 ; No. 4257045 Lce.-Sgt. J. W. Parkins, "C" Coy., on obtaining 2nd Class Certificate of Education, *vice* Potts to United Kingdom for discharge on 13th February, 1924 ; No. 4257353 Lce.-Sgt. C. Dolby, H.Q. Coy., *vice* Seevers to United Kingdom for discharge on 28th February, 1924.

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The undermentioned are promoted paid Sergeants with effect from 12th June, 1924 :—No. 4256482 Cpl. G. A. Pearson, "A" Coy., *vice* Moon promoted Colour-Sergeant on 15th May, 1924 ; No. 4258934 Cpl. J. H. Ashton, "D" Coy., *vice* Dyke to Supernumerary Strength on 5th June, 1924.

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The undermentioned are appointed paid Lance-Sergeants with effect from 17th May, 1924 :—No. 7808926 Cpl. B. Holmes, "H" Coy., *vice* Surtees promoted Sergeant ; No. 4257951 Cpl. A. Fellows, "B" Coy., *vice* Parkins promoted Sergeant ; No. 4257766 Cpl. J. C. Wood, "B" Coy., *vice* Dolby promoted Sergeant.

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The undermentioned are promoted paid Corporals with effect from 17th May, 1924 :—No. 4257818 Lce.-Cpl. A. Dodds, "B" Coy., *vice* Holmes appointed paid Lance-Sergeant ; No. 28785 Lce.-Cpl. T. Armstrong, "B" Coy., *vice* Fellows appointed paid Lance-Sergeant ; No. 4381004 Lce.-Cpl. W. Phillips, "D" Coy., *vice* Wood appointed paid Lance-Sergeant.

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No. 4256706 Lce.-Cpl. H. Holdsworth, "B" Coy., promoted paid Corporal with effect from 12th June, 1924, *vice* Pearson promoted Sergeant.

Courses and Classes of Instruction.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men of the Battalion were examined in Ambulance Duties at the British Station Hospital on 10th January, 1924, and were graded as stated opposite their names :—

No. 5041830	Lce.-Cpl. T. Selby	"A" Company.	Good.
No. 4261892	Fus. T. Burn	"A" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 7077083	Fus. A. Whitthread	"A" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4260431	Fus. J. Woodhouse	"A" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 1415781	Fus. D. Monarch	"A" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4262182	Fus. T. Clark	"A" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4261763	Fus. J. Newton	"A" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4258066	Fus. R. Atkins	"A" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4257766	Cpl. J. Wood	"B" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4258062	Lce.-Cpl. J. Brown	"B" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4257240	Fus. W. Stephenson	"B" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4256754	Fus. T. Wootton	"B" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4257438	Fus. W. Place	"B" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4257502	Fus. C. Milburn	"B" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4257200	Fus. A. Cooper	"B" Company.	Good.
No. 4257633	Fus. F. Seymour	"B" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4257519	Fus. J. McKinnell	"B" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4257603	Fus. G. Martin	"B" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4258548	Fus. R. Lawson	"C" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4257654	Fus. J. Robson	"C" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4260918	Fus. J. Simpson	"C" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 721278	Fus. C. Lyon	"C" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4261648	Fus. P. Fairhurst	"C" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4260415	Fus. T. Lawrence	"C" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4256799	Fus. R. Taylor	H.Q. Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4260389	Fus. F. Gage	"C" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4260198	Fus. J. Moore	"C" Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4260180	Fus. J. Robson	"C" Company.	Good.
No. 4260283	Fus. F. Maryon	"D" Company.	Good.
No. 4256563	Lce.-Cpl. J. Ousjack	H.Q. Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4256376	Bdm. P. Parkes	H.Q. Company.	Good.
No. 4256952	Bdm. W. Jackson	H.Q. Company.	Satisfactory.
No. 4257870	Bdm. E. Barraclough	H.Q. Company.	Satisfactory.

2nd Battalion Detachment Notes.

Ranikhet,

30th July, 1924.

The mid-season relief has now been completed, "A" Company, the Band, Machine Gunners, and about fifty each from "B" and "D" Companies having returned to Fyzabad, and "C" Company, the Drums, Signallers and another contingent from "B" and "D" Companies having arrived.

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The Officers here now are Major Ovans, Capt. Attwater, Lieuts. Cooper and Bennett and 2nd Lieut. Olver.

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As there seems to be some misunderstanding on the point in certain circles outside the Regiment, friends please accept this the only intimation.

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The rains have set in with a vengeance, and every day there is a steady downpour. The oldest inhabitant states that there has never been so much rain in Ranikhet before, but as it seems to be a habit of oldest inhabitants to make statements of this sort, one wonders how much the information is worth.

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The new detachment have, in spite of mud and water, managed to play two football matches, the first against the 11th Hussars resulting in a win for us by 3 goals to nil, and the second against the D.C.L.I. also resulting in a win by 5 goals to 2.

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We hope to make a good show in the tournament for the Neary Ahmed Cup, for which we are entering a team. It is unfortunate that the state of the ground should make it so difficult for the selectors of the team to judge individual performances.

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Elsewhere there is an account of the very successful Boxing Tournament held here in June.

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A novices' tournament is being organised to take place in the gymnasium on the 18th, 19th and 20th August, and it is hoped to arrange another open tournament in the rink towards the end of the hill season.

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We hear there are several good boxers in the detachment of the Worcestershire Regt. which arrived here at the beginning of the month.

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As there are several of our regimental representatives here now, there ought to be some good boxing.

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The rain has taken complete possession of the polo ground, and we do not expect to get another game until September at earliest.

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Meanwhile, in spite of being cut many pounds of corn, the ponies daily get fatter and friskier. A few kicks and jumps are of little account on the plains, but on the narrow paths which serve as a means of communication on the roof of the world it is a feat equal to what one remembers described in the case of a well-known "looper of the loop" as "dicing with death."

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Fusilier dances continue to draw large numbers. There are seldom less than 160 men in attendance, and lately as many as 50 ladies have been present, and this in spite of having to wade up to the knees to the gynasium from the married quarters through a sea of mud and water, in pouring rain on a pitch black night. A small dance band has remained up here so that two dances can be held weekly. These dances break the monotony of the usually unexciting evenings in Ranikhet, and the strains of "Ding Dong Dell, Pussy's in the well," on a Wednesday night, are more familiar to dwellers in Alma Barracks than the sound of Reveille on a Thursday morning.

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We had a close rifle shooting match with the D.C.L.I. at the beginning of the month. The practices consisted of one snap shooting and one rapid at 200 yds. both at discs, one slow at plates and 4 ft. classification targets at 300 yds., and a ladies' match at a 4 ft. target at 100 yds.

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The teams consisted of O.C. Detachment, one other Officer, one C.Q.M.S., one sergeant, two corporals and two Fusiliers or privates and one lady.

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The team selected to represent our detachment were Major Ovans, 2nd Lieut. Olver, C.Q.M.S. Moon, Sgt. Salt, Cpl. Boon, Lce.-Cpl. Burrell, Fus. Chambers, Bandsman Grief and Mrs. Ovans.

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The total scores were:—5th Fusiliers, 186; D.C.L.I., 171. C.Q.M.S. Moon scored top score for the team at the three distances, and Mrs. Ovans scored a possible at 100 yds.

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Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Davis on the birth of a son, and to Sgt. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Sgt. and Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Shipley, and Sgt. and Mrs. Scott on the birth of daughters.

BOXING NOTES.

During the last week of June, the hill detachment held an Open Boxing Tournament, in the Rink Theatre, Ranikhet, under the patronage of Major-General C. J. Deverell, C.B., Commanding U.P. District.

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The Tournament was open to all Detachments in the Ranikhet area, which includes Alma Barracks, Chaubattia and Dulekhet. Detachments of the following Regiments were represented:—5th Fusiliers, The Worcestershire Regt., The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, The Cheshire Regt., The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regt., The Manchester Regt., The Welch Regt., "A" Divisional Signals and the 55th Battery R.F.A. The largest number of entries came from the 5th Fusiliers, but what other Regiments lacked in quantity they supplied in quality.

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The prizes were presented by the Boxing Club of the 5th Fusiliers, with the exception of the Detachment Cup offered by Lt.-Col. Sandilands to the Detachment scoring the highest aggregate of points in the Tournament.

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Five Sessions of two hours each were necessary to deal with the 80 entries received.

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On the concluding night, besides the seven finals, five four-round contests were arranged.

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Despite the large number of entries, and the fact of the tournament being limited to men actually on the strength of hill detachments, the boxing throughout was of a high standard.

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Some of the competitors, such as Lce.-Cpl. Collier of the

2ND BATTALION BOXERS.

Manchester Regt., Pte. Friend of the Worcestershire Regt., Pte. Williams of the Welch Regt., Lce.-Cpl. Childs of "A" Divisional Signals, and Bdsm. Anderson and Fusilier Hosker of the 5th Fusiliers were well known in the Ring. But of the other men, the most inexperienced put up most excellent fights and did their utmost to gain points for their Regiments.

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Competitors were entered under the following weights:—*Middle, Light, Bantam, Boys, Welter, Feather, Fly.*

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The best boxing was perhaps witnessed in the Fly-weight class, the outstanding bouts being between Pte. Williams of the Welch Regt. and Bdsm. Anderson (5th Fusiliers) in the Semi-final, and between Bdsm. Anderson and Fus. Hosker (5th Fusiliers)in the Final. Bdsm. Anderson knocked out Pte. Williams, a keen, hard fighter and most formidable antagonist, in the second round in the Semi-final, with an upper cut following a straight left, after a fast and hard first round; and succeeded in beating Fus. Hosker on points in the Final, after an exceptionally even and well-contested bout.

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In the final of the Feather-weights, Pte. Friend of the Worcestershire Regt. knocked out Fus. Oakes in the second round; the latter, who had fought extremely well and pluckily throughout the tournament, was outclassed by Friend, but put up a very good fight.

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In the final of the Bantam-weight, Pte. Evans of the Welch Regt. seemed unable to guard the repeated straight lefts which Fus. Clark delivered, and was knocked out in the first round.

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Lce.-Cpl. Collier was beaten on points by Pte. Howard of the D.C.L.I. in the final of the Light-weights. Sympathy was felt for the loser, as he had fought a hard fight on each evening of the tournament, and had fought in a very sporting way throughout.

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Bmdr. Duffell, 55th Battery R.F.A., beat Lce.-Cpl. Watts in the second round of the Middle-weight final, through the latter, who appeared to be the stronger man, giving up the fight.

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In the final of the Welter-weights Lce.-Cpl. Catterick beat Lce.-Cpl. Palmer.

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A feature of the final night's boxing were the contests, which were mostly very even and well fought. In that between Bdsm. Higgins (the Cheshire Regt.) and Trooper Hunt (11th Hussars), Higgins, although giving away at least a stone, fought his man to a standstill, although he himself lost on points. Bandsman Higgins was awarded a special prize for his very plucky performance.

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At the conclusion of the Tournament Major-General Deverell, before presenting the prizes, in a short speech complimented the competitors for having shown themselves possessed of the sporting spirit which is one of the traditions of the British Army. He then called for three cheers for the 5th Fusiliers, in which he particularly asked us to join, pointing out that we would not be cheering ourselves, but the Regiment whose spirit we had inherited.

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Colonel Sandilands had the pleasure of presenting his cup to Boy Hartford, as the representative of the 5th Fusiliers competitors who had obtained the highest aggregate, being 50 points ahead of the next detachment. The high aggregate obtained was due to the large number of men of the FIFTH who had entered to gain points for the Regiment, though in many cases with a certainty of coming up against stronger and more experienced opponents.

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This, it is thought, showed the spirit to which the General had referred; but it is worth noting that the six men of our detachment who got into the Finals gained by themselves sufficient points to win the Tournament.

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The points secured by detachments at the end of each session are given below.

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Great credit is due to the Boxing Club Committee, under Lieut. Bennett, for their extremely able management of the Tournament, which went without a hitch throughout.

We were very fortunate in being able to obtain the services of Lieut. Collier (Cheshire Regt.), Lieut. Shearburn (9th Battery R.F.A.), Lieut. Upton (11th Hussars), and Lieut. Maynard as referees and judges.

	Points secured at end of sessions.				
	1st	2nd	3rd	Semi-final	Final.
5th Fusiliers	28	43	62	76	88
The Duke of Cornwall's L.I. ..	8	15	21	17	30
The Worcestershire Regt.	8	12	19	23	26
The Welch Regt.	8	15	17	23	26
The Cheshire Regt.	11	16	18	21	21

RANIKHET.

O'er fifty miles up hill we tramp,
Before we reach our hillside camp,
Tired and weary; before us loom
Hills and mountains, and trees in bloom,
Till at last a few shacks we reach,
Through which the wind at night doth screech.

At night we sleep, but not alone,
The bugs are always on the 'phone—
A relay race they oft-times hold,
And pounds of flesh to them we've sold.
Around our beds they hide and seek;
They hold more nooks than hours a week.

Up hills and down we all day cruise,
It fairly fills us with the "blues,"
Descending these is done with ease,
But coming back leaves shaky knees;
Its share of hills it doth possess,
It doesn't do to be careless.

Lit up by night with dazzling lamps—
Better I've seen 'mongst roadside tramps;
To live up here is quite a treat,
Pheasants and chickens we get to eat;
Its theatres we all adore,
The plush seats there are on the floor.

Hot through the day and cold by night,
Its mansions are a lovely sight,
And Turkish Baths you get galore,
For water cold is kept in store.
The people there are full of glee,
Their god and idol the rupee.

When once from Ranikhet I get
Down on the plains I'll stop, you bet,
For though we get hot summers' breeze
It's better than cold shaky knees.
Your hill and dale I envy not,
I'm quite content with my bedcot.

CPL. H. C. TURNER.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
3rd October, 1924.

The Depôt scribe has passed quietly away after the normal tour of duty (two months) as such. And with him to Hythe he has apparently taken with him all material and paraphernalia

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attached to the high office of correspondent, with the exception of a dose of "flu" which he has handed over to his successor in a particularly virulent form.

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Such little information as does trickle through from the "roughs" regarding this individual is irritating and nauseating. We understood that the entrance exam. at Hythe was really worth taking seriously, and therefore expected our knight of the pen to arrive back at the Depôt the following day, labelled "R.T.U." to resume his normal activities and to free the present writer to resume his.

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But what happens? Not only do his efforts get him through the golden gates, but it appears they love him. This blue-eyed boy of ours is brought before the class to show the second-raters how to illustrate the "lying position," "kneeling," or something equally useful.

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A little firm handling may be necessary to make this bird take its food regularly when it returns to the nest.

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It appears nowadays no soldier-man is permitted to cross salt water except with the blessing of one "Uncle" who sits in state at the War House. All soldiers waiting to move overseas stay at home until "Uncle" waves his wand and produces a ship. The Powells at Christchurch hope for a ship on the 27th September, but at the moment the wand is inactive.

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In cases this waiting the will of the highbrows involves great hardship. One officer moving Depôt to Rhine in May last suffered a whole month on leave in Sussex, and so missed the Medal for the affair at Leidenhausen.

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A draft of 110 other ranks, under 2nd Lieut. Collingwood, is now being prepared at the Depôt for embarkation to India early in October. "We don't want to lose them, but we think they ought to go," and it is hoped the wand may produce the ship at approximately the right time.

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It is believed that the 2nd Battalion will have no cause to complain of the men they are getting. They are a good lot of well-set-up men, showing in their faces and carriage the benefit of this summer's strenuous training on the Rhine. The draft contains a goodly proportion of men with specialist qualifications, particularly machine gunners, and nearly all are volunteers.

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Capt. E. H. Baxter is under orders for India in mid-December, some two months before his move was expected. He may move on either of two boats, and possibly according to his instructions, on both or neither.

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Uncle's wand waving can at times be trying.

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Capt. D. E. F. Waight, M.C., at present on leave from India, is to join the Depôt on 1st December in relief of Capt. Baxter.

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His rod is in pickle.

Capt. C. G. Arkwright comes early in October to move the load of O.-i/c. Administration from the shoulders of its present unwilling bearer.

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2nd Lieuts. Flower and Clifford have both reported in writing to the Depôt, on first appointment, and although both are under orders for India early in October the powers-that-be are struggling to send them to us in person. We hope our efforts to prevent such a calamity are appreciated.

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After bearing up very bravely through a trying summer, our helmsman has passed the wheel into the care of Capt. Baxter and has gone into the wilds for a few days with gun and rod. The spoils pour on to our various tables by every post—but not this week.

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We have bade farewell to Captain Powell, who has just finished his tour of duty at the Depôt. The notice on his office door will still remind us of him, and trembling individuals still knock nervously before entering. It is sad to think that his last appearance should have been such a public one, anyhow he has left his mark on the motoring public, though it took 1½ hours in the witness-box to gain this distinction.

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The explorers have returned from the wilds of the West Coast of Scotland, none the worse for their adventures. Why such risks were taken with Henry I can't explain, but I think that his exploits are worthy of the world-famous family to which he belongs. The Mess is now familiar with the wonderful stories of the great "bag," and how it was obtained. They would no doubt have been more readily believed had trophies of the chase been forthcoming to indulge the appetites of those whose lot it was to remain behind.

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The month of August should have been a happy month to many of the Depôt Staff. Most of us found time for a little recreation. The head of "Q" department actually managed to tear himself away south for a month's leave. It was, therefore, a fearful shock for us at the end of three weeks to see him return, dressed in the newest shade of "Plus Fours." It is only to be supposed that the dining hall could no longer be left without its originator. Be that as it may, I can think of no other reason for his hurried return from the "Sunny" South.

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We are at last to have a Recreation Ground. A foreman arrived at the end of August, and was shortly followed by scores of workmen, who have made tremendous headway with the good work in spite of occasional depredations by mischievous youths whose form of recreation is to do as much damage as possible in the time available.

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The Soldiers' Home is to be opened very shortly. It is to be run much more on the lines of a Y.M.C.A. than formerly. Rebate on the takings will be given up to the P.R.I., and it is hoped that the new enterprise will be well patronised.

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The N.A.A.F.I. are at last taking an interest in us. New furniture for the Recreation Room, Corporals' Mess, and Canteen is arriving daily, and we shall not know ourselves. We wonder if it is the forthcoming visit of the G.O.C.-in-C. that is causing all the excitement.

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During the month we have had visits from Generals Armstrong and Yatman, and Colonels Herbert and Cruddas. We were delighted to see them all, and to show off the beauties of the Depôt to them. One cannot help feeling, if only we had the proper accommodation for a Regimental Museum, that we should have no lack of visits from old Officers of the Regiment. Let us hope that some day a generous Government will see the point of fostering the Regimental spirit, and by giving us a building for a museum enable the Recruit at the commencement of his service to realise the traditions of the great Regiment which he has joined.

4TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

HEXHAM,
22nd September, 1924.

As is the wont of T.A. Battalions at this time of year, we are peacefully enjoying our Autumnal slumber. Military activity during the past month has been at its lowest ebb, and only by the periodical exchange of memos. and returns between Battalion Headquarters and Detachments are we reminded of the fact that we are still soldiering.

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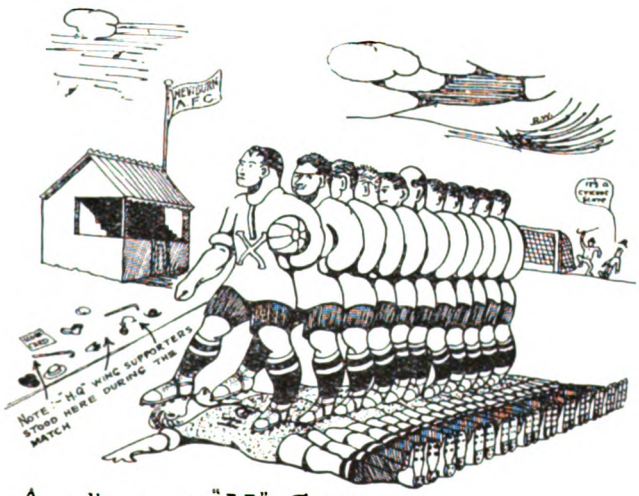
On Saturday, 30th August, H.Q. Wing played "X" Company in the final of the Inter-Company Football League, on the Newburn A.F.C. Ground, very kindly put at our disposal for the occasion. "X" Company won by 10 goals to 1, and secured the medals which were presented to the winners by our C.O. (Colonel C. O. P. Gibson, M.C.), who very kindly came down to "function." It was an easy win for "X," as the score indicates, but H.Q. hung on to the bitter end. Sgt. Veitch is to be congratulated on his "breezy style."



A walk over for "X" Company.

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The C.O. has just returned from a fortnight's much-needed holiday in Scotland, where he has been luring the wily salmon. We have not yet heard how many fish he killed, but if the quantity and variety of casts and flies had anything to do with it he must have procured a very large number. We shall be interested to hear whether the much-despised "phantoms," which he was induced to take with him, were brought into the attack, or whether these final Reserves remained at rest in the creel.

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The new Drill Hall proceeds apace, and should be ready for occupation by the end of the year.

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During the month a Company Rifle Meeting was held at Haydon Bridge, and "W" and "Y" Companies fired at Ponteland and Haydon Bridge, respectively, in the T.A.R.A. Lewis Gun Trophy Competition. The Machine Gun Platoon also fired a team in the T.A.R.A. Machine Gun Trophy Competition on 21st September, but were handicapped by the weather, half a gale blowing at the time. The team entered by "W" Company for the Lewis Gun Trophy failed to turn up to fire on this occasion, and neither "W" or "X" Coys. could produce a team for the B.S.A. Guns Challenge Trophy, for which they had entered. Keenness on shooting generally seems to be confined to a comparatively small number in the Battalion, and until more Officers and N.C.O.'s really get down to it and concentrate on this all-important subject, we cannot hope to become a really good shooting Battalion.

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The rainfall in this county of ours during the last month has been something prodigious! Our hopes, therefore, that September would in some measure make up for what had otherwise been a most wintry summer, were doomed to disappointment.

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Unemployment amongst our numbers, especially in the Newburn District, which we had hoped to see on the decrease, has, we regret to say, become steadily worse. Many of our comrades have joined the Regular Forces, realising that they will in future be certain, for a number of years at any rate, of regular and congenial employment.

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At the Annual Shoot of the Amalgamated Sergeants of Northumberland and Durham at Whitburn, Co. Durham, C.Q.M.S. G. W. Sparrow, wrested from our Regimental Sergeant-Major the Ladies' Trophy and Gold Medal. It is gratifying to know that the coveted trophy will only move from Hexham to Newburn. C.Q.M.S. Sparrow also gained second place in the Grand Aggregate, with a score of 113. In the Service Rifle Competition at 200 yards we obtained both first and second places, as follows:—

1st—R.S.M. W. Wodehouse, 24 points out of 25.
2nd—Pioneer-Sgt. R. Milburn, 24 points out of 25.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

We held our Company Rifle Meeting at Haydon Bridge, 30th August, and some fairly good scores were made. We introduced the handicap system, and this worked out very well indeed; however, in spite of some quite liberal allowances, a scratch man, Fus. Liddell, won the first prize.

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On the same day our Lewis Gun Team competed for the National Trophy, but did very badly. A considerable amount of practice will have to be put in before we compete again.

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We had the pleasure of receiving and entertaining the members of the Battalion Sergeants' Mess on Sunday, 14th September, on the occasion of their General Meeting. We appreciated

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Who punctured the Poet?

"I," said the Spuggy,
"with my Mark VI uggy
I punctured the poet."

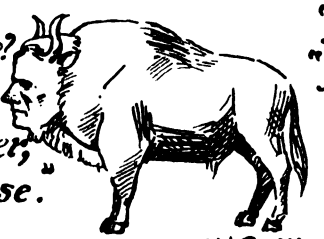
Who'll sing the psalms?
"I," said the Fleming-o,
"I know the dem' lingo
I'll sing the psalms."

Who saw him die?

"We did," said Y,
"we can't tell a lie,
we were both of us "Bye",
so we saw him die."

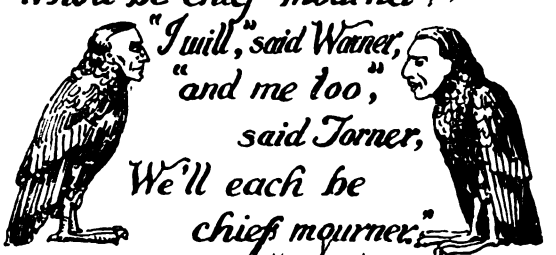
Who'll fire the volley?
"I will," said Nobby,
"snapshooting's my hobby,
I'll fire the volley."

Who'll carry the corpse?
"I" said Mc Teer,
"I can always lift beer,
I'll carry the corpse.



Who'll tend his grave?
"My job" said the Mower,
"I'm quite a good goer,
I'll tend his grave.

Who'll be chief mourner?
"I will," said Warner,
"and me too,"
said Torner,
We'll each be
chief mourner."



Who'll cook the feast?
"I will", said Luke,
"I'm a jolly good cook,
I'll cook the feast."

Every bird in the 4th
had a lump
in his throat,
when he heard
of the death
of the ill-fated poet.

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the visit very much, and can only hope they thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

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We are now concentrating our energies on our Annual Dance, which has been fixed to take place on Friday, 7th November, 1924. We are anxious to see the remainder of the Battalion arrive in even larger numbers than last year.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

Owing to the prevalence of unemployment in the Newburn district, quite a number of the men of the Detachment are joining the Regular Army and Navy, and the canteen returns for the month are negligible.

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Several bricks have been laid since the last time of writing, on the walls of the new Drill Hall; apparently this building is being erected from the roof downwards. Does this mean that there is any truth in the rumour that in future recruits will enlist with the full rank of Sergt.-Major, attaining the rank of Fusilier after several years' service.

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The findings of a Court of Enquiry held to inquire into the strange disappearance of the author of the Battalion Alphabet are promulgated hereinafter.

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A rumour is current that the poet met with a nasty sticky end at the hands of some of his scurrilised victims.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Extract from Part II. Orders:—The following are appointed Lce.-Corpls. with effect from 28th August, 1924:—

No. 4261793 Fus. M. Gowans.
No. 4261932 Fus. J. Hardy.
No. 4261931 Fus. J. Greenwood.
No. 4261308 Fus. J. Dixon.

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Apart from a Junior N.C.O.'s Class, things are very quiet at present, and except for a certain amount of expectancy as to when the "Bounty" is likely to be paid, there is not much in the air.

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Unfortunately when our Lewis Gun Team arrived on the range, on 7th September, to fire for the Trophy, it was discovered that fog so obscured the targets that it was impossible to see them. It is hoped, however, that weather conditions will prove more favourable on 5th October.

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On 14th September, the following W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s proceeded to Haltwhistle for the Sergeants' Mess Meeting:—C.S.M. Wind, Sgt.-Instr. West, C.Q.M.S. Redhead, Sergts. Craddock, Grant and McQue, and Lce.-Sergts. Best and Scaife. They report the usual hospitable reception by the remainder of "the left half battalion," and as a result we understand that a dinner will take place here on 8th November. As "Y" Coys. Dance is on 7th November, it looks like being in the nature of a hectic week-end.

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Congratulations to Sgt.-Instr. and Mrs. West on the birth of a daughter.

5TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

WALKER,
25th September, 1924.

This is usually a period which could be christened the "Doldrums"—the period of change from the feverish hurry and scurry of annual training to the placid winter programme.

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We have utilised this time in bringing to a successful conclusion the Battalion Sports and the Battalion Annual Shoot.

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The Sports were held on Saturday, 23rd August, and proved a great success. An excellent company was present, and some good running was seen. The blindfold squad drill was highly entertaining.

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The results were as follows:—

100 *Yards Flat.*—1st, C.Q.M.S. W. H. Bond, "A" Coy.; 2nd, Fus. J. Lambert, H.Q. Coy.; 3rd, Sgt. J. Robson, "A" Coy.

220 *Yards Flat.*—1st, C.Q.M.S. W. H. Bond, "A" Coy.; 2nd, Fus. J. Lambert, H.Q. Coy.; 3rd, Fus. A. Wilson, "D" Coy.

440 *Yards Flat.*—1st, C.Q.M.S. W. H. Bond, "A" Coy.; 2nd, Sgt. J. Robson, "A" Coy.; 3rd, Fus. A. Wilson, "D" Coy.

880 *Yards Flat.*—1st, Lieut. N. K. Worters, "A" Coy.; 2nd, Sgt. J. Robson, "A" Coy.; 3rd, Fus. N. P. Carrigan, "B" Coy.

1 *Mile Flat.*—1st, Lieut. N. K. Worters, "A" Coy.; 2nd, Sgt. J. Robson, "A" Coy.; 3rd, Fus. A. Wilson, "D" Coy.

High Jump.—1st, C.Q.M.S. W. H. Bond, "A" Coy.; 2nd, Fus. F. W. Thompson, H.Q. Coy.

Long Jump.—1st, Fus. F. W. Thompson, H.Q. Coy.; 2nd, C.Q.M.S. W. H. Bond, "A" Coy.

Tug-of-War.—"D" Company.

Relay Race.—"A" Company—Lieut. N. K. Worters, C.Q.M.S. Bond, Sgt. Robson, Fus. Simpson.

Sack Race.—1st, Fus. J. B. Wilson, "A" Coy.; 2nd, Fus. J. L. Young, "A" Coy.; 3rd, Fus. J. Simpson, "A" Coy.

Three-legged Race.—1st, Fusrs. Thompson and Simpson; 2nd, Fusrs. Young and Wilson, "A" Coy.

Band Race.—Won by Bdsm. Black.

Blindfold Squad Drill.—Won by No. 1 Squad—Sgt. Livingstone, Bdsm. Black, Fus. Dumble, Lce.-Sgt. Haywood.

Pillow Fighting.—1st, Dmr. Thirlwell, H.Q. Coy.; 2nd, Bdsm. Capstaffe, H.Q. Coy.

The Football Cup.—"A" Company.

The McDonald Cup was won by "A" Company.

The Presentation Clock for the best all-round athlete was won by C.Q.M.S. W. H. Bond, "A" Coy.

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The prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. Irwin, the wife of our Commanding Officer.

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And now for the Rifle Meeting. It was held at Ponteland on the 7th. There was a splendid turn-out of past and present members of the Battalion. We were delighted to see our old friends again. And although we did not invite him, Jupiter Pluvius joined our company, which was a pity. However, a most enjoyable day was spent, and some good shooting was put up. At times it was so wet outside that one had perforce

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to get wet inside ; at least it was said that one required a good deal of medicine to prevent a chill taking effect.

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The following officers were present :—Col. D. R. MacDonald, T.D. (Hon. Col. of the Batt.), Col. A. Irwin, D.S.O., Major P. P. Phillips ; Captains H. G. Dodds, W. H. Leete, D.F.C., N. Heslop, T. A. Carlile, E. W. Thompson ; Lieuts. Johnson, Herdman, Phillips, Stanley, Worters ; 2nd Lieuts. Ellis and Ashworth ; and Capt. G. J. Gatehouse (Adjutant).

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Results :—

Recruits' Cup.

1st	Fus. L. Cook	"A" Coy.	Score	16
2nd and 3rd	2/Lt. J. R. Ashworth	"D" Coy.	,,	15
	Fus. G. Rias ..	"B" Coy.	,,	15
	Fus. T. R. Gibson ..	"B" Coy.	,,	15
4th	Fus. J. Simpson	"A" Coy.	,,	14
5th	Fus. J. Wilson	"A" Coy.	,,	12
6th	Fus. C. Neil	"C" Coy.	,,	12
7th	Fus. A. Gibson	"C" Coy.	,,	12

Old Soldiers' Cup.

1st	Cpl. J. Coulon	"B" Coy.	Score	19
2nd	Fus. A. Wilson	"C" Coy.	,,	19
3rd	C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson ..	"D" Coy.	,,	18

Sergeants' South African Cup.

1st	C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson ..	"D" Coy.	Score	15
2nd	C.S.M. W. Martin	"D" Coy.	,,	14
3rd	C.S.M. E. Coppick	"A" Coy.	,,	13
4th	Sgt. J. Cross	"D" Coy.	,,	12
	Sgt. A. Black	H.Q. Coy.	,,	12
	Lce.-Sgt. J. Wallace.. ..	"A" Coy.	,,	12

Rapid Firing Cup.

1st	Sgt. J. Cross	"D" Coy.	Score	15
2nd	Cpl. A. Hartford	"D" Coy.	,,	15
3rd	C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson ..	"D" Coy.	,,	14
4th	C.S.M. W. Martin	"D" Coy.	,,	14
5th	Lce.-Sgt. C. J. Feeney ..	"D" Coy.	,,	14

Battalion Challenge Shell.

1st	C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson ..	"D" Coy.	Score	60
2nd	Sgt. J. Robson	"A" Coy.	,,	57
3rd and 4th	Capt. H. G. Dodds ..	"B" Coy.	,,	56
	Lieut. T. A. Herdman ..	"C" Coy.	,,	56
	Lieut. G. M. I. Stanley ..	"B" Coy.	,,	56
	C.Q.M.S. W. H. Bond ..	"A" Coy.	,,	56
	Fus. W. Wilson	"C" Coy.	,,	56
5th and 6th	L/Sgt. C. Feeney ..	"D" Coy.	,,	55
	Fus. J. Brooks	H.Q. Coy.	,,	55

Reid's Sectional Challenge Cup.

Won by "A" Company. Score 119. Team :—Capt. N. Heslop, C.S.M. E. Coppick, C.Q.M.S. W. H. Bond, Sgt. J. Robson, Sgt. A. Anderson, Cpl. R. Miller, Lce.-Cpl. P. Archbold, Fus. R. Aitken.

"D" Coy. was second with a score of 116.

Field Firing Cup.

Won by H.Q. Company. Team :—Capt. T. A. Carlile, Sgt. A. Black, Sgt. McNally, Fusrs. Brooks and Archbold.

2nd. "B" Company. Team :—Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., C.S.M. W. Martin, C.Q.M.S. Hutchinson, Sgt. Cross, Lce.-Sgt. Feeney.

Long Distance Cup.

1st	Fus. J. Brooks	H.Q. Coy.	Score	34
2nd and 3rd	Lce.-Sgt. C. Feeney ..	"D" Coy.	,,	31
	Cpl. Dinning ..	"B" Coy.	,,	31
4th	Lieut. T. A. Herdman ..	"C" Coy.	,,	30
	Cpl. T. Miller	"B" Coy.	,,	29

Past and Present Members' Competition.

1st	Fus. J. Brooks	H.Q. Coy.	Score	34
2nd	Ex-Fus. J. Drummond ..	—	,,	33
3rd	R.S.M. M. Mellors ..	P.S.	,,	32

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We extend our congratulations to Colonel Gover, D.S.O., T.D., of the R.A.M.C., on his promotion to A.D.M.S., 50th (Northumbrian) Division.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Under the auspices of the Northumberland and Durham Sergeants Association, a miniature rifle league, a billiard league, and a whist league have been formed. It is hoped that at least one team for each league will be entered by the 5th. But more of this next month ! ! !

6TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
25th September, 1924.

Hearty congratulations from all ranks to Lieut.-Colonel E. Temperley, D.S.O., T.D., on being gazetted Brevet-Colonel.

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The chief item of interest during the course of the month has been a visit to the Composite Brigade training at Catterick by the Second-in-Command, the Adjutant and Captain F. Dawson.

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The Brigade consisted of the 1st Batt. D.L.I., 1st Batt. The Cheshire Regiment, 1st Batt. North Staffordshire Regiment, and the 1st Batt. East Yorkshire Regiment, with a Squadron of 8th Hussars, R.F.A., Air Force, etc., but no tanks.

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The scheme was a two Brigade Field Day, and was the finale to a month's training. The G.O.C. Northern Command, with the Secretary of State for War, with heaps of other Generals, were present, and everything was done de luxe.

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The first phase, from 12 noon to 8 p.m., was not too interesting, as something went wrong with the time schedule, and, with the exception of one or two scraps between Cavalry patrols, there was very little fighting.

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However, after dusk everyone got a move on, and walking about No Man's Land was quite realistic. The regimental quartermaster had evidently found an overlooked hut full of verey lights and blank ammunition, which were used with almost extravagant abandon.

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We believe one man got his scalp removed by a blank, and a Cheshire V.C., when captured by a North Stafford post, resisted in true V.C. fashion and had to be frog-marched to the picquet when a kindly flask restored matters to their proper level.

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Our officers wisely returned, at midnight, to their hotel for a few hours' sleep, and reappeared at dawn to see a real good fight develop from Three-Cornered Plantation over the rifle ranges we know so well.

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The formations, scouting and progress were as they should be in regular battalions, and we saw a machine gun section come into action in very good style. Each machine gun section had a blank firing attachment, which is much more realistic than the old rattles, which are now used only by the Lewis Guns.

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Most of us will agree that the machine gun is almost a thing of the past in our Brigade, which is a great pity. The modern tactics are to push a proportion of the machine guns well forward with the Infantry, but we were sorry to see that pack animals were not utilised and limbers only had two horses. To see machine guns well handled, first with the limbers, then on to pack and then into action, is a fine sight, but it requires heaps of practice, and why efficiency should be sacrificed to economy and at the expense of machine guns which were a *corps d'elite* in the German Army and proved themselves well in the last war, is only known to higher command. No doubt income tax at 4s. 6d. in the £ is the answer, but it is rather sad.

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The conference of Officers and N.C.O.'s afterwards was interesting, and the manoeuvre was held to have brought out the following points :—

(1) That a small force of cavalry with Hotchkiss guns can most effectively delay the progress of an advance guard.

(2) That the withdrawal of an inferior force of infantry at night is not so difficult an operation as it might seem.

(3) That co-operation with the Air Force is now very much in advance of the last war, and is a most valuable asset to a battalion commander.

(4) That His Majesty's Army, in spite of its young soldiers, is a fine fighting force, and is being trained on thoroughly sound lines.

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We hear that eventually two Brigades of Infantry are to be stationed at Catterick, and this should be a very valuable asset to future T.A. training.

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Is it too much to hope that our annual training some day may consist of two Regular Brigades and one T.A. Brigade? The advantages to be gained are obvious, and the enthusiasm of the "soldiers for a fortnight" might help to diffuse the not unnatural gloom and boredom of the Regulars.

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Altogether it was an interesting show, which we all enjoyed, and we should like to see our subalterns at similar affairs in the future.

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One other thing that struck us was the linen overalls worn by the troops. As long as a Territorial's clothing is allowed to be taken home and has to last for four years, however often it may be used, it is really impossible to get a turn-out on parade approaching the Regulars. Army trousers, unfortunately, are a most serviceable garment, and after all, human flesh is weak and the sight of khaki in our factories is a not unfamiliar one. Perhaps our T.A. Association may happen to see these notes and inwardly mark, learn, digest and put into practice the obvious innuendo.

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The Sergeants gave a very successful small dance in the Gymnasium on the 24th, at which several of the Officers performed with vigour, if nothing else.

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Next month there is to be a Divisional Staff ride at Harrogate, also the Officers' shoot at Ponteland, and the Officers' golf competition.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
25th September, 1924.

About this time nine years ago the writer of these notes well remembers a Company Commander of this Battalion being severely straffed by the Adjutant for rendering as his morning situation report the one word "normal." The despatch of these notes has been delayed till the last possible moment, in the hope that something other than normal would turn up. It is, as a matter of fact, a time of little doing with the T.A. in September, until the Winter Classes start next month. The Editor, as a former Territorial Adjutant, is well aware of that, so he will probably not pen a strafe to the Correspondent of the 7th Battalion.

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Congratulations are due to O.C.'s Ashington and Berwick Companies on having formed football teams. The miners look great in Aston Villa's colours, and are members of a League. Berwick, for their first season, are to be content with friendly games. They kicked off by defeating the Depôt K.O.S. Borderers by 3—2.

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Majors Trench and Smail attended the manoeuvres of the Northern Regular Brigade at Catterick on 15th and 16th September as privileged spectators.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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149TH (NORTHD.) INFANTRY BRIGADE ANNUAL DINNER CLUB.

The Sixth Annual Dinner of the above Club will be held at Messrs. Tiller's Rooms, Blackett Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Friday, the 24th October, 1924, at 7.30 p.m. Members wishing to attend can obtain tickets, price 15s. (inclusive of 5s. annual subscription), from the Hon. Secretary, Major G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., No. 1, Mosley Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Letters to the Editor.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

RANIKHET,
31st August, 1924.

SIR,

I enclose a classic example of modern oriental poetry, which I have received permission from the addressee to publish in the *St. George's Gazette*, should you think fit.

I am afraid I am unable to provide a solution as to what exactly is required by the petitioner from the "Bright Gent" he addresses.

H. R. S.

TO MAJOR-GENERAL SIR C. D....

TO MAJOR-GENERAL RT. HONBLE. SIR C. J. D...., C.B.

MY LORD,

What High Officer I can see than you,
I live in this Station sinse long,
At Ranikhet "you the One" in my view,
I hope, shall dash down to my fate wrong.

A man I'm Sad and weary,
On my pitiable state toss his Wise-head,
Crying for bread e'ery day so dreary,
If this grief he should have read.

"His good name is Cl. D-v-r-ll."
I find him a Bright Gent to be,
Humane and kind heart to feel well,
Hense I draw his kindness to become free.

So much my soul and heart shall pray
Sympathy and mercy from him I gain,
God Bless him Happiness day by day,
"Powar" may rise his rank and long remain.

By RAO BHAGWAT SINGH POWAR (K.I.),
(Dis. Chrd. Soldier Clk. B.ck).

RANIKHET CANTT.,
15th August, 1924.

97, BURTON ROAD,
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To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

May I ask the favour of your columns to call the attention of all members of the London Branch of the Old Comrades' Association to the fact that the Annual Re-Union Dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Armistice Day, Tuesday, the 11th November, 1924, at 7.45 p.m.

The Committee have made arrangements for a splendid evening's entertainment, and it is hoped that every member will attend. Tickets are 7s. 6d. each, and application, accompanied by a postal order for this amount or a deposit of 2s. 6d., should be made to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. Maydon, 3, Dresden Road, Upper Holloway, London, N. 17, not later than 1st November.

Yours, etc.,
H. J. MORGAN, *Secretary.*

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
30th September, 1924.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st July and 30th September, 1924, as follows :—

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Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' (FIGHTING FIFTH) OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

LONDON AREA.

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING.

A Quarterly General Meeting was held at our Headquarters, The Veterans' Club, Hand Court, Holborn, W.C., on Saturday, the 6th September, 1924. There were about fifty members present, including our Hon. Treasurer, Col. D. Sapte. The chair was taken by Mr. E. T. Halliday.

The minutes of the last General and Committee Meetings were read by our Hon. Secretary, and were accepted and passed.

The Hon. Secretary next gave his report and spoke principally on the progress of the Association and the splendid work which was being accomplished, and was still being done by the Association in securing assistance for those of our Comrades who through no fault of their own were in straitened circumstances, mentioning eight particularly hard cases which had received assistance during the last three months.

The Dinner Committee reported that the arrangements for the Annual Re-Union Dinner was progressing most satisfactorily,

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and that a circular letter giving full particulars would be sent out to all members in the course of a few days; and as there were 70 present last year, and since then our membership had more than doubled, it is anticipated that at least twice that number will be present this year.

Mr. A. E. Bosten, our worthy Secretary of the Entertainment Committee, spoke respecting our entertainment programme during the coming season, pointing out the very poor support which was given by our members to the dances and functions last year; giving as an example the proposed Outing last August, stating that although 46 voted for same, only 14 expressed their willingness to go—consequently, after much labour on the part of the Committee and the cost of postage, the Outing had to be cancelled. The Outing was to have been to an Old Fusilier, Sgt.-Master-Cook C. McKim, The White Swan, Little Chart, near Ashford.

We held our first Dance at Headquarters on Wednesday, the 10th September. There were about sixty present, which was very encouraging, having in view that the season has only just started. A most enjoyable and convivial evening was spent.

As these functions will be held monthly it is to be hoped that same will receive the patronage by our members as is thoroughly deserved; every effort is being made to make these functions a success, the primary object being to bring together as many of our members and families as possible, thereby upholding the splendid *esprit de corps* which has always prevailed in the FIGHTING FIFTH.

We welcomed amongst us at our Dance a Miss Cordiel, a daughter of Drum-Major Jimmy Cordiel, an Old Fifth Fusilier, who was in London on a visit from Newcastle-on-Tyne, and was introduced to us by Mr. "Geordie" Redhead, another Old Fusilier and late Regtl. Sgt.-Major, and one of our most ardent supporters.

As the Trooping Season is now approaching, we should be most grateful if the Commanding Officers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, also the Depôt, would be so kind as to bring the notice to those of the FIFTH who are being either discharged or transferred to the Army Reserve, and who are likely to be resident in London or the South, that there is an Old Comrades' Association in London, and that we should welcome them amongst us.

Our membership now reads:—Officers 37; Other Ranks 137; Hon. Members 8; Lady Members 30.

SMART SAYINGS.

To-day we judge a man's character by observing whether or not he has enough authority to keep his wife from bobbing her hair.

"Hit may be hard fo' a rich man to enter de Kingdom of Heaven," said Rastus to the preacher, "but hit's just as hard fo' a poor man to stay on de earth."

The news that the Senate will broadcast its sessions has played havoc with the sale of radio instruments.

The honeymoon is over when the billing exceeds the cooing.

About all the world has accomplished so far is to bring disorder out of chaos.

A pessimist is a man who, hearing the knock of opportunity at the door, slips the bolt, thinking it's the wolf.

DEPÔT DESIRES.

(*With humble apologies to the Officers concerned.*)

1. *O.C. Recruit Company.*

Give me two ferrets, a dog, or e'en some cats;
And place me near the dunghills of a farm,
And watch me catch mice, stoats, weasils and fat rats—
Just leave me there—I shan't take any harm.

2. *O.C. Administration.*

Dost thou think I care for "slops"
Or whiskey, bread, gin, meat or game?
No! my boy, just give me "hops"
And any "Bolshie" I will tame!"

3. *O.C. Training Cadre.*

There are two things I love in life—
My "tum-tum" and the Training Cadre.
I sometimes think I'd love a wife,
But should hate to have to share my larder.

4. *Company Subaltern* (just relieved).

A horse! a horse! the Depôt for a horse!
Or let me to the river bank but go.
I want to smell the stable and the gorse;
Or make the little "fly" flit to and fro.

5. *Company Subaltern* (just arrived).

I have just come; I know not what I wish.
Ferrets, hops, horses, gorse and stables make me writhe.
I do not even feel inclined to fish;
So perhaps it's as well they've packed me off to Hythe.

6. *The Quartermaster.*

There is no place on earth that I do more adore
(Excepting, perhaps, "Carter's," or the "County," or the "Grand"),
Than that sweet home of mine, the Quartermaster's Store,
Where I keep blankets, cheeses, kits, dust, mice and "Monkey Brand."

7. *The Adjutant.*

I've bought a little bungalow—it's made for more than two;
And there I bathe the kiddies and dig the garden up.
I motor daily to my work—the 'bus holds quite a few:
No one can make ME believe that I've been sold a "pup."

8. *The C.O.* (with profuse apologies).

And I want nothing more than I have got:
My wife, my children, my motor car, my work,
My Officers—a really splendid lot;
My position in the choir at Alnwick "kirk."

G. JAY, W.G.

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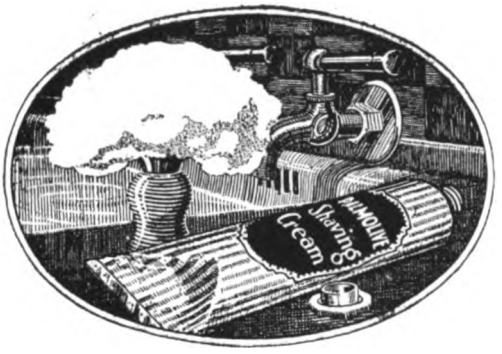

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BIG GAME SHOOTING IN INDIA.

EXTRACTS FROM A NOVICE'S DIARY.

(*Continued from page* 115.)

Wednesday, 16th May.—Breakfast off chuppatti and cold tea. Started at daybreak and walked for miles, searched river bed for bison tracks—saw none. Plenty of sambhar tracks, and tracks of a panther. Gained information about bison from a villager. Arrived back at bungalow about 10.15 a.m. H—— already in, having located a bull bison which he had stalked to within 30 yards, but having only a small-bore rifle with soft-nosed bullets, he had not fired, but intends sleeping near the place and trying to-morrow morning.

My block on fire for miles.

Thursday, 17th May.—Out by 4.30 a.m. H—— having a morning off. Went towards Naunagr to meet our villager who was to show me bison. Met him at Kharamdi, and led by him down a jungle path to the river edge opposite mouth of the Burha Naddi. Bison grazing on the other side of the river on a large maidān, and close to the river edge, not more than 200 yards away. Manœuvre to more favourable starting place, and then quietly move over river bed. Hidden from bison by the high bank. Reaching opposite side, cautiously climb up and look over: can see nothing, owing to grass. Move on and see two bison about 30 and 50 yards away. Grass very thick and cannot see whether cows or bulls. Wait in hopes that they will move my way. They continued grazing and seemed to be unaware of me. Try to advance, but dry leaves and grass make too much noise. I retire to manœuvre. Shikari arrives, climbs tree and excitedly points. I eventually see bison moving off towards forest, grazing as they go. Some of

H—— IN HIS MACHAN.

them suspicious. Try to get ahead of them by moving along the Burha Naddi bed. Climb tree in time to see one lame one disappearing into the forest. My shikari and the villager very disappointed that I did not shoot. I think they suspect my courage. Try to explain that to shoot a cow is "bāhut kharāb bāt." Our villager is a man with a sense of humour, which he seemed to indulge at my expense. After a short rest started for home, arriving about 10 a.m. Find H—— has gone out on receiving "khabbar" of a kill at Harhe. He returned about 1 p.m., having seen his machān built, and left again about 2.30 p.m. to sit up for the tiger. He did not return to-night.

Friday, 18th May.—Spent the morning in. Up about 7 a.m., to find H—— back. The tiger had returned just after dusk. H—— had fired at his movement, but had evidently missed. The tiger made off without a sound. H—— heard sambhar belling all night. Perhaps it was really the tiger. Set off at 4.30 p.m. with the shikari and two coolies for Kkaramdi (about 4 miles away). Camped in river bed about a mile from the village. Stalked a bhail on the opposite bank, thinking it was a solitary bull bison. When half-way across the river the shikari called out that it was a basti-walah (belonging to village). Kept awake for a long time by a frog making a noise like a kettledrum close to my ear; also a jackal or some animal kept

"SAHIB! SAHIB!! BASTI-WALAH HAI!!"

moving about very quietly in the jungle not five yards from me. Heard sambhar in night.

Saturday, 19th May.—At dawn saw bison in same place across river. Waded river and stalked to within about 30 yards of some of them. Herd of about nine. Couldn't tell bull from cow. Watched them for some time. Eventually singled out one, which, by his wide-spreading horns, I decided must be a bull, and, kneeling, none too steady from excitement, fired. Deafening report, startled heads raised above height of grass. Then, led by my "selection," they all stampeded, followed by a burst of rapid fire by me, each shot throwing up a spurt of dust and, if possible, inciting them to greater speed. Followed up with shikari, but found no trace. Saw several chital, none with horns. Left valise at village and set off for home, arriving

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about 10 a.m. Tried rifle on return. Fired about 6 ins. high at 50 yards.

Sunday, 20th May.—Left Lāt after dinner last night, and

THE RIVER KOIL.

walked to Kharamdi. Slept at village. Up at daybreak, down to the river Koil. No bison on maidan. Went up Barha Naddi. Saw two deer crossing stream in silhouette against light reflected from the water. Shikari presently said that he saw a bison drinking, but it made off before I saw it. Langur monkeys making tremendous hooting noise, also heard groaning roars. Shikari said that there was a tiger there, and seemed disinclined to proceed. Assured me that it was considerable way off. Being already out of my block, did not further investigate. One of the village men led us to several open parks amongst the trees, where he expected to find bison. Eventually saw three grazing. Stalked to within 50 yards. They were amongst thick grass and scrub. Tried to get nearer, and in crossing

THE BARHA NADDI.

nalah lost sight of them. On emerging from nalah found that the bison had moved off. Shikari unable to track them, so went to several more likely places. Saw plenty of sambhar and chital, but no bison. One sambhar with very fine head. Once found old droppings of an elephant. Once a sort of cavalry charge took place amongst the trees. Must have been bison or pig. Monkeys still filling jungle with noise. Eventually struck the Lāt-Barasand track, and so home, arriving about 9.45 a.m. Find H—— gone. A note from the Deputy-Commissioner had arrived at 10 p.m. last night with his car to take us for a beat for a tigress and two cubs at Kehr, where the tigress had killed. H—— arrived back at 6 p.m. Beat had been badly done, and they had not seen the tigress or cubs. I decide to go to Kutku, probably the day after to-morrow, and to try for bison at Meral.

Monday, 21st May.—Stayed in bed till 6 a.m. Wrote letters all morning.

H—— breakfasted at 3 a.m., and went off to Hulhud after the bison he had seen. He arrived back about 9 a.m. with the news that he had got it. He had found three bison lying on the hillside at the edge of an open park. A herd of sambhar between him and the bison gave him cause for anxiety, but eventually, when he was very close to them, moved off without alarming the bison. H—— stalked them to within a range of about 80 yards, when one of the two bulls stood up and faced him. H—— fired, aiming at the junction of neck and shoulder (.318 magazine rifle). The bull made off for about 20 yards and then turned and faced him again. The other two, who had also made off, also stopped, but further away. Hopper fired again and hit him in the corresponding place on the opposite shoulder, and the bull collapsed. He finally finished him off with two more shots with the .318 and one with a .500 express, though the bison evidently would not have long survived the first two shots.

H——'S SHIKARIS.

The head, according to H——, is nothing exceptional, but quite fair. I am the more ashamed at my own bungling.

Four buffalo calves arrived during the day for "kills."

(*To be continued.*)

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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Major G. C. Wilkinson ..	,, 7/25	Officers' Mess, 6th Batt. ..	,, 9/25
Mr. Geo. Barnard	,, 7/25	Capt. P. Parmeter	,, 9/25
Mr. C. Fuller	,, 7/25	Gale and Polden	,, 9/25
"B" Coy., 4th Battalion ..	,, 8/25	Lt. J. Byrne	,, 9/25
Mr. R. M. Hill	,, 8/25	Major P. Phillips	,, 9/25
Capt. J. H. Hogshaw, M.C. ..	,, 9/25	Lt. G. H. Bolster	,, 10/25
Capt. H. F. Attwater ..	,, 9/25	P.R.I., 1st Batt.	*Gazettes*
Lt. A. J. K. Pigott	,, 9/25	P.R.I., 2nd Batt.	*Gazettes*
Lt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C. ..	,, 9/25	P.R.I., Depôt	*Gazettes*
Lt. B. T. G. Pringle	,, 9/25		

BIRTHS.

DAVIS.—On the 24th July, 1924, at Ranikhet, India, to the wife of C.Q.M.S. Davis, 2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers—a son (Frederick Henry).

FITZGERALD.—On the 14th July, 1924, at Ranikhet, India, to the wife of Sgt. Fitzgerald, 2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers—a daughter (Muriel Vivian).

PLATT.—At 74, Whitehall Court, on 8th October, 1924, the wife of Bt. Lt.-Col. William Platt, D.S.O., of a son.

SCOTT.—On the 29th July, 1924, at Ranikhet, India, to the wife of Sgt. Scott 2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers—a daughter (Joyce Lillian).

SHIPLEY.—On the 19th July, 1924, at Ranikhet, India, to the wife of late C.Q.M.S. Shipley, 2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers—a daughter (Marguerite Maud).

DEATHS.

PROCTER.—On the 27th October, in London, Mary Anne Procter, late of The Hermitage, Richmond, youngest child of the late Lt.-Col. Procter, of the Northumberland Fusiliers (Fighting Fifth) and of the R.M.C. Sandhurst, sister of the late Canon Charles Procter, Vicar of Richmond, Surrey, in her 91st year.

WARDLE.—On 15th October, 1924, at Wallsend-on-Tyne, John Wardle, late Colour-Sergeant, 5th Fusiliers, aged 62 years.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following Lieuts. to be Captains (1st August) :—C. R. L. English, and remains secd. ; C. H. Cooper, M.C.

Lieut. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., to be Capt. (28th August).

MEMORANDA.

Lieut. F. C. Prickett, O.B.E., M.C., is granted the temporary rank of Captain for service with the West African Frontier Force (24th March, 1924).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Batt.—Capt. G. E. Charlewood resigns his commission, and is granted the rank of Lieut. (4th October).

5th Batt.—Lt.-Col. (Bt.-Col.) A. Irwin, D.S.O., to take prec. as Bt.-Col. as from 20th October, 1922 (18th October).

7th Batt.—2nd Lieut. W. E. R. Fuller, late Serv. Batt. Northd. Fus., to be 2nd Lieut. (11th October).

Obituary.

MR. J. WARDLE

(late Colour-Sergeant, 5th Fusiliers).

It is with regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mr. J. Wardle, which took place at Wallsend, on the 15th October. He enlisted in the FIFTH in August, 1880, and was posted to the 1st Battalion. For more than

THE LATE MR. J. WARDLE.

twenty-one years he served in various battalions of the Regiment, and retired as Colour-Sergeant in 1902. He had many friends in the Regiment, and was a frequent visitor at the Depôt, where he will be sadly missed. To his relatives and many friends we extend our sympathy on behalf of his old Regiment.

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Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,

October, 1924.

Since the last notes were written the Collective Training Season has been brought to a close with six days' Divisional Training in the Eifel. Quite lengthy accounts of these manœuvres appeared in the Home Press, and it is unnecessary to enlarge on them.

Suffice it to say that, as we were most of the time in reserve, we had, on the whole, a fairly "cushy" time, whilst the weather was remarkably kind, except on the day prior to our return, when a torrential downpour put a stop to operations just as we were really getting to grips.

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The 2nd Batt. Cameron Highlanders formed a most skilful and elusive skeleton enemy, and on the occasion of a raid which they carried out against the village of Holzheim, where not only were we and two Batteries R.F.A. billeted in reserve, but Brigade H.Q. were also located, it must be admitted that they got their own back handsomely for the little incident on the Company March referred to by Mr. Pepys in the last *Gazette*. As they were on the go for some 18 or more hours, and covered about 60 miles in motor lorries, they thoroughly deserved their success.

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It was rumoured that the great indignation shown by a certain officer at having to evacuate Holzheim, was not entirely due to Military ardour and shame at being driven out by the enemy.

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In this same connection, it was extraordinary how anxious many officers appeared to be to undertake the extra work of Billeting Officer.

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As the Regimental experts tell us that "the lead picker's daughter" of our Wahn days has many rivals in the villages of the Eifel, does this help to elucidate the mystery?

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While on the subject of billets, it appears that certain officers met therein with a far more voracious and equally elusive enemy, and one was heard to remark, more in sorrow than anger, as he gazed at last at a diminutive captive, "If the hippopotamus can support his huge bulk on a vegetarian diet, surely *you* could."

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Since our return to Cologne we have really settled down into "Winter Quarters," and the winter promises to be just as cold and unpleasant as the last. The "Leave Season" is upon us, and what with that and the many "Garrison duties," the ranks of the Battalion are sadly depleted. Mr. Trenan, however, brought over a welcome draft of 27 from the Depôt on 2nd October.

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Our Musketry "casuals" were put through their courses at Dellbrucke on the 4th.

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On the 8th the Brigade Commander finished his Annual Inspection of the Battalion.

On the 15th Colonel Heathcote inspected P.T., and on the 16th the Training Cadre started work.

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The Battalion has been ordered to send an armed party of 2 Officers (Capt. Powell and Mr. Newstead) and 30 other ranks, to represent the British Army at the unveiling of an Inter-Allied War Memorial at Ghent, on the 26th.

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The social side of life in Cologne is brightened by the Club Dances and the Opera, both of which are in full swing, and the latter, at something under 4s. for the best seats (the fixed price for British Officers), is about the only cheap thing in the town.

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Burgling officers' houses and messes has been rather a favourite pastime of the Hun of late, and no little joy was felt the other day when a Subaltern of the D.C.L.I. succeeded in teaching these gentry a lesson.

It was more or less thuswise:—He awoke to find one burglar standing guard over him, whilst two others were ransacking the room. He lay "dogo," and springing out of bed directly they had left, got an automatic (they had taken his Service revolver), threw open the door, saw one burglar with his revolver, fired and hit him, and when the latter jumped inside the bathroom and slammed the door, fired 7 more shots through the door.

Result:—1 burglar knocked out and caught; 1, who jumped from the window and broke his ankle, captured by the Guard; and the third, who had been wounded in the bathroom, arrested next day.

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Mr. Seth-Smith has succeeded in disposing of his mare "Ladybird" to a Hun.

Unkind judges of horseflesh consider this transaction to be almost as good a reprisal as the burglar episode, and verging on "frightfulness."

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Major Critchley-Salmonson has been sitting for "D," and Mr. Steele and Mr. Newstead for "B."

It is rumoured that the hard-hearted examiners, having learned that two of these candidates were banking entirely on their unique knowledge of the Dark Continent to get them through Geography, carefully deleted all reference to the same from the papers.

Undeterred by this gross neglect of their spiritual home, and arguing on the principle that negative information is often just as valuable as positive from a military point of view, one officer is believed to have answered a question on Australian Naval Defence by stating simply that, in the event of war, Australia need not stand in any fear of the Abyssinian Navy.

The other officer, in answer to a question on Imperial Defence, is said to have written that, although the Mullah was no longer a danger to our present Government in this world, he undoubtedly would be when they reached the next, and recommended that he himself and a few other choice spirits, well used to campaigning in such torrid climes, should be formed, in anticipation, into a select corps, which would deal with him when the time came.

Anyway, whatever others may say, *we* wish them every success in their exams. (At times it is very useful being able to use that Editorial WE!)

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Captain and Mrs. Powell and their motor car have arrived from the Depôt, and we extend a hearty welcome to them all.

The last-mentioned has been entered in the Regimental Game Book, and we hope to be able to credit Captain Powell with some record "bags," but this is unlikely unless he adopts the Standard Priming Mixture, viz., 3 large whiskies immediately followed by 3 cartridge cocktails, as we can assure him from personal experience that hops are quite unsuitable for this purpose.

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Captain Arkwright has left us on posting to the Depôt. He will be as greatly missed from the soldiering point of view as from that of games, and our loss is very much the Depôt's gain. We wish him and his family the best of luck.

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Capt. Pemberton rushed from Divisional Training to attend a four-days' Staff Ride in England as D.A.P.M. to a Division, but having placed the narrow seas between himself and the Company Commander, whose work he normally does, he disclosed his intention of remaining away on two months' leave. The said Company Commander wishes him a safe and speedy return.

It is whispered, however, by others, that his real object in remaining in England is to get in the first word with Mrs. Pemberton, who returns shortly from Egypt, with a view to dissipating in advance any rumours which may reach her ears on arrival in Cologne regarding his life there as a gay grass-widower. (Excellent policy in journalism—if you throw enough mud, some is sure to stick.)

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—In anticipation of a letter from this Officer's solicitors, we desire most emphatically to dissociate ourselves from the base insinuations contained in the above paragraph, and we can assure our readers, from personal knowledge, that the officer in question during his stay in Cologne has been guilty of no indiscretions which cannot easily be explained away or excused on the grounds of—Springtime—the hot blood of youth, etc., etc.—EDITOR.

WE, the real Editor of the "St. George's Gazette," desire to place on record our dissociation from any gems which fall from the pen of the 1st Batt. Sub-Editor, in spite of his arrogant assumption of the Editorial We!!

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Mr. Kilgour is on leave, and so is Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, the latter after emerging successfully from a course at the Machine Gun School.

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Mr. Bolster was so unfortunate as to rupture himself, as a result of his keenly vigorous polo, and proceeded to England on sick leave for an operation, which, we are glad to hear, has been successful. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Mr. Beckwith is doing D.A.P.M. (in the S.I.B.). We can hardly picture him as a typical sleuth, but we look forward confidently to his establishing a record in "putting" Huns in their places, in the Rhine or anywhere else that's handy.

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The final result of the Inter-Company Cricket was:—

1st—"Y" Company.
2nd—H.Q. "B."
3rd—"W" Company.
4th—"Z" Company.
5th—H.Q. "A."
6th—"X" Company.

POLO NOTES, 1924.

The weather having been fine, we have been playing polo up to the last few days.

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Owing to his accident, Mr. Bolster has been unable to take part in the last two Tournaments, but Mr. Seth-Smith has had the use of his ponies and played in the team which reached the semi-finals. We hope, with the advent of Colonel Herbert, to be able to raise a Regimental team next year.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The Football Season is once again in full swing in Cologne. The B.A.O.R. Inter-Regimental Football League started on 11th October, and the results up to date, so far as they concern the Regiment, are as follows:—

Fifth Fusiliers *v.* 2nd Batt. Cameron Highlanders "B"—won, 6—2.
Fifth Fusiliers *v.* 2nd Batt. Cameron Highlanders "A"—won, 2—1.
Fifth Fusiliers *v.* 1st Batt. York and Lancaster Regt.—won, 2—1.
Fifth Fusiliers *v.* 2nd Batt. K.R.R.C.—won, 5—2.

The team which has represented the Regiment on all these four occasions is as follows:—

Cpl. Purcell.
Fus. Wigham. Sgt. Peppiatt.
Lce.-Cpl. Babington. Lce.-Cpl. Dreher. Fus. Jarmain.
Sgt. Walsh. Fus. Tevistdale. Fus. Smart. Fus. Gillon.
Fus. Taylor.

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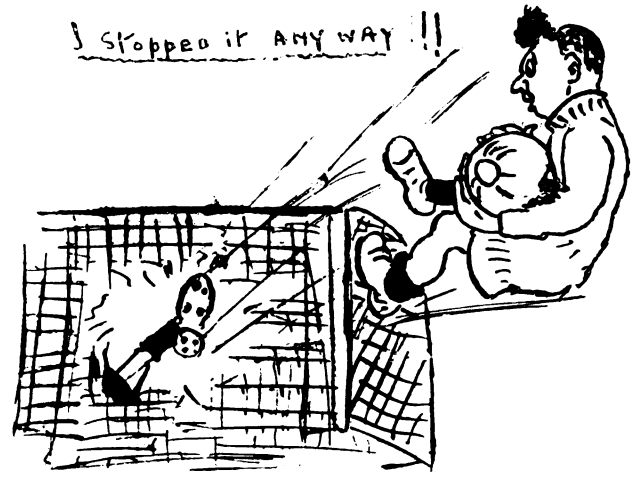
Lce.-Cpl. McGarry played against the Camerons "B," but since then his place has been taken by Cpl. Purcell. Our



hardest game was against the Cameron Highlanders "A," and was in reality a triumph for our defence. In the first half of this game the Camerons spent most of the time around our goal, and Purcell saved shot after shot, in really brilliant fashion. Dreher's great display at centre-half and Wigham's fine kicking and coolness went a long way towards keeping down the Cameron's attack on our goal. Early in the second half the Camerons broke through and scored their first goal. This, curiously enough, put new life into our side, and we now altered

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our tactics from defence to attack, with the result that a few minutes afterwards Taylor equalised for us. Enthusiasm now

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ran high, and a great ding-dong struggle ensued, during which this player who relieved an opponent of the ball half-way down the field and dribbled right up the wing and centred to Smart, who scored the winning goal with a hard, low shot which the goalkeeper was scarcely able to see.

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Our next game, against the Y. and L. Regiment (last year's Champions), was another great triumph for the defence, Wigham and Peppiatt being very prominent. The forwards displayed great dash, and we were pleased to note that they have at last realised the importance of combination.

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The team has shown great keenness, and have trained really hard under Sgt. Hurt. Smart has proved himself to be a prolific goal scorer; while Gillow and Taylor, on the left wing, are a continual problem and source of trouble to any defence.

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We would end these notes by exhorting the team to keep up the form which they have displayed up to date, and to remember that the intoxication of success is fatal so early in the season.

HOCKEY NOTES.

Our Hockey team has started the season in great style—in spite of the fact that we have lost Capt. Arkwright and Mr. Kilgour is on leave. We have played two friendly matches—one against the R.A.S.C., and the other against the Royal Corps of Signals (last year's winners). Both matches were very keenly contested, the Battalion running out winners by 4—1 and 8—2, respectively.

We played our first match in the Rhine Army League against the 2nd Batt. Cameron Highlanders. In this match our team showed themselves to be a very strong combination, winning by the large margin of 9 goals to nil. Cpl. Obey played a very sound game on the left wing, shooting two excellent goals from a difficult angle.

The team was:—Fus. Gilley (*goal*); Cpl. Kelly, Fus. Ryan (*backs*); Sgt. Gibbons, Sgt. Baker, Sgt. Peppiatt (*half-backs*); Mr. Carr-Ellison, Sgt. Locke, Mr. Macmullen, Mr. Beckwith, Cpl. Obey (*forwards*).

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

October, 1924.

At the time of writing, the Battalion is in joyous mood, having beaten the 60th Rifles at football, 5—2. Strains of glad sounds are issuing from the Canteen windows (which are not a hundred miles from my own), and I crave forgiveness for any mistakes or "nasty home truths" which my very unsteady hand may prompt an equally unsteady and scratchy pen to write.

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Since our last issue, the feet of our most noble "Leather Merchant" have healed.

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This is important to record, owing to the fact that he has repaired his boots. Cheers!!

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He repaired them with "liver" consequently his "soul";

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ought to reach the "upper" heights some day—this depending upon the "liver" every time.

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We regret to report the departure to civilian life of C.Q.M.Sgts. Woods and Murphy.

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The former has on many an occasion formed the subject of a pun in these columns, and we are more than sorry to lose him, being such a good fellow (as was C.Q.M.S. Murphy also). We wish them both the very best of fortune, and hope to see them both again at no distant date.

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The "Cadre" has once again started "cadering." Now we have it at every meal.

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Lce.-Sgt. W. Brown is about 50th in Command, and since the training commenced he has learned to talk very nicely indeed.

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His new vocab. contains such words as "amazing," "extraordinary" and "hairdressed."

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On Saturday, 18th inst., a party from the Mess had a char-a-banc outing to Solingen.

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The Battalion Football Team played the York and Lancashire Regt. on the same day.

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The outing was enjoyed by all, particularly as the Regimental team won, 2—1.

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Our caricatures have recommenced this month, and our artist apologises for any errors, and if any, blames a recent spell in hospital for such. (No, Mr. Editor, not through drawing—through a legitimate illness.)

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A LIMERICK FOR "CRAWLEGS."

There was a young lady named Kate,
Who went out to dine at 8.8.
She ate and she ate,
And I'd blush to relate
What Kate ate, tête-a-tête at 8.8.

We wonder if he knows the answer.

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THIS MONTH'S "MESS-UP."

"Let sleeping dogs 'lie.'"

1 If you can recollect, dear sir,
The days of long ago,
You'll bring to mind again, dear sir,
Those happy days at Mhow.

2 Or was it "Pindi"? I forget
Exactly where or when,
But still my memory serves me yet
The state that things were then.

3 Our Monthly Whist Drives were a treat;
The Funds we didn't touch,
'Cause anyone who did compete
Contributed—"so much!"

4 And then we had twelve pairs of "knicks,"
Twelve pairs of boots and stockings,
A lacer, pump, and football six,
A Storeman—old Bill 'Ockings.

5 So I propose we get the same
(These youngsters make me vexed),
No matter if we play a game
From this year's end to next.

6 Let's have them, is what I propose,
And be in debt for years,
And let us (as the saying goes)
"Take doggie by the ears."

7 Some people take bulls by the horns,
So let me in conclusion say, sir,
A rolling stone gathers no thorns—
Hang quadrupeds—*Gott strafe der "Kayser."*

A. H. M.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.

FYZABAD,
23rd September, 1924.

The second tie in the West Rugby Football competition took place at Lucknow on 14th August, 1924. Our team was not quite up to its usual form, and we were defeated by the Allahabad Gymkhana by 18—8.

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The same evening our team left for Bareilly, where they played the Welch Regiment the following day. We were most hospitably entertained, and after a good game we again lost by 11—0, our opponents being a strong and more experienced team.

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Musketry pursues its way, in spite of weather interruptions. On the conclusion of L.G. and the M.G. platoons classification practices, the M.G. Platoon challenged "B" Company to a competition—L.G. *v.* M.G.

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This took place on 30th August, and resulted in a win for "B" Company's Lewis Gunners by 8 points. The shooting

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was good throughout, particularly that of Sgt. Hamilton, M.G. Platoon, at 600 yds.

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Results :—

MACHINE GUNNERS.	RANGE.	PTS.	LEWIS GUNNERS.	RANGE.	PTS.
Fus. Pumphrey, H.Q.	300	16	Sgt. Fellows, "B"	300	36
Fus. Stringer, H.Q.	300	37	Fus. Blakeman, "B"	300	38
Fus. Burgin, H.Q.	400	99	Fus. Stevenson, "B"	400	92
Fus. McCarroll, H.Q.	400	87	Fus. Gibbons, "B"	400	93
Fus. Hunter, H.Q.	600	3	Fus. Pratt, "B"	600	9
Sgt. Hamilton, H.Q.	600	27	Cpl. Turner, "B"	600	9
Total M.G.		269	Total L.G.		277

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On 9th September the D.C.L.I. from Lucknow sent up a team of 3 officers and some 35 other ranks to compete with us in various games, detailed results of which are given below.

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Previous to their arrival, two cricket matches were played, Battalion Headquarters *v.* Machine Gun Platoon, and Headquarter Wing *v.* Rest of Battalion, with a view to selecting a team to play against the D.C.L.I.

M.G. Platoon *v.* Battalion Headquarters.

10th March, 1924.

M.G. PLATOON.

1ST INNINGS.		2ND INNINGS.	
Lce.-Cpl. Brice, c W.O. Hall, b R.Q.M.S. Atkinson	0	b S/Sgt. Adams	4
Fus. King, b S/Sgt. Adams	0	Fus. Burgin, b Cpl. Geldart	3
Fus. Gray, c Cpl. Geldart, b R.Q.M.S. Atkinson	8	c Sgt. Hebburn, b S/Sgt. Adams ..	8
Fus. Ellison, b S/Sgt. Adams	4	b Cpl. Geldart	0
Capt. Hogshaw, not out	23	b S/Sgt. Adams	2
Lieut. Fryer, b S/Sgt. Adams	1	c S/Sgt. Adams, b Cpl. Geldart	0
Lce.-Cpl. Alder, b S/Sgt. Adams	11	c Lce.-Cpl. Appleyard, b S/Sgt. Adams ..	1
Fus. Lacey, c S/Sgt. Adams, b Col. Kershaw	9	not out	4
Fus. McCarroll, not out	3	c Col. Kershaw, b S/Sgt. Adams	0
Fus. Steele, b S/Sgt. Adams	0	b Cpl. Geldart	2
C.Q.M.S. Davis, c Fus. Birnie, b Col. Kershaw	2	b Cpl. Geldart	2
Extras	8	Extras	3
Total	69	Total ..	29

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.

1ST INNINGS.		2ND INNINGS.	
R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, b Fus. Gray	2	c McCarroll, b Fus. Gray	10
S/Sgt. Adams, b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	2	c McCarroll, b Fus. Burgin	14
Cpl. Geldart, b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	0	run out	2
W.O. Hall, b Fus. Gray	2	Sgt. Drummond, c C.Q.M.S. Davis, b Fus. Burgin	4
Lieut. Pigott, c and b Lce.-Cpl. Brice ..	1	b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	7
R.S.M. Johnston, b Lce.-Cpl. Brice ..	0	c Fus. Steele, b Fus. Burgin	0
Col. Kershaw, b Fus. Gray	11	not out	2
Sgt. Skelton, b Fus. Gray	4	Sgt. Tudor, b Capt. Hogshaw	0
Lce.-Cpl. Appleyard, c and b Lce. Cpl. Brice	0	c Lacey, b Fus. Burgin ..	8
Fus. Birnie, c and b Fus. Gray	8	c Lce. Cpl. Alder, b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	2
Sgt. Hebburn, not out	5	run out	5
Extras	0	Extras	13
Total	35	Total ..	67

Battalion Headquarters won by 4 runs.

Headquarters Wing *v.* Rest of Battalion.

2nd March.

HEADQUARTERS WING.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Capt. Hogshaw, st C.S.M. Brockelsby, b S/Sgt. Adams	19	b Sgt. Parkins	25
Lieut. Fryer, c S/Sgt. Adams, b Cpl. Geldart	3	st C.S.M. Brockelsby, b Fus. Noel	8
Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, b Col. Kershaw ..	8	c Fus. Jones, b Fus. Noel ..	0
Bdmn. Trower, lbw	0	c Sgt. Parkins, b Fus. Noel	5
Bdmn. Jackson, not out	2	c Col. Kershaw, b Fus. Noel	0
Bdmn. Parkes, b S/Sgt. Adams	1	c and b Fus. Noel	3
Bdmn. Collins, c C.S.M. Brockelsby, b Col. Kershaw	9	c Sgt. Parkins, b W.O. Hall	8
Bdmn. Knox, b S Sgt. Adams	3	not out	12
Bdmn. J. Moran, b S Sgt. Adams ..	1	b C.S.M. Beck	0
Bdmn. Poole, b S Sgt. Adams	0	b S/Sgt. Adams	6
Lce.-Cpl. Brice, c and b Col. Kershaw ..	0	did not bat.	
Extras	4	Extras	6
Total	50	Total ..	73

REST OF BATTALION.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
C.S.M. Brockelsby, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	2	b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill ..	6
C.S.M. Beck, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill ..	5	b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill ..	5
R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, run out	2	c Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, b Bdmn. Trower ..	2
W.O. Hall, b Bdmn. Trower	1	not out	0
Col. Kershaw, c Lieut. Fryer, b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	7	b Bdmn. Trower	0
Lce.-Cpl. Bosworth, run out	0	c Bdmn. Parkes, b Bdmn. Trower	1
Major Foster, c Bdmn. Parkes, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	8	c Bdmn. Jackson, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	21
S/Sgt. Adams, b Bdmn. Trower	7	b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill ..	1
Cpl. Geldart, not out	2	c Bdmn. Parkes, b Bdmn. Trower	5
Fus. Birnie, b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	0	b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill ..	0
Fus. Noel, run out	1	b Bdmn. Trower	7
Extras	1	Extras	7
Total	36	Total ..	55

H.Q. Wing won by 1 wicket and 32 runs.

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The first game played against the D.C.L.I. was the soccer, and the following night we played them at hockey.

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The following account of these matches was written by Major Hume Wright, 11/7th Rajputs, who kindly refereed both matches.

FOOTBALL.

Fifth Fusiliers *v.* D.C.L.I.

The D.C.L.I. won the toss and defended the goal at the north end of the ground. The game started at 5.15 p.m., and for the first ten minutes was very even. Both teams attacked in turns, but the defence on both sides was good, and neither of the forward lines made any headway. However, the D.C.L.I. forwards gradually got going and showing better combination began to press the Fusiliers. The latter's goal-keeper was called upon to save twice in quick succession at the end of the first ten minutes. The Fusiliers then had a good run down to the D.C.L.I. goal, but the movement was spoilt by the inside left getting offside. The D.C.L.I then did a brilliant run down to the Fusiliers' goal, and the outside left got a clear pass, and beating the right back for pace he ran the ball down to the line and centred beautifully. The centre forward met the ball

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and scored with a ground shot which gave the Fusiliers' goal-keeper no chance.

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The D.C.L.I. from the re-start kept up the pressure, and they gradually got the ascendancy over the game and a few minutes before half-time their outside left again got clear away and scored with a low cross shot which hit the post and rolled in. At half-time the D.C.L.I. led by 2—0.

In the second half, the D.C.L.I. still continued to show better form, and had most of the game; but both sides were showing signs of exhaustion from the heat, and the play was rather listless at times.

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The D.C.L.I. forwards pressed the Fusilier defence during most of the second half, and they got through repeatedly, but the Fusiliers' goal-keeper played brilliantly and saved several almost certain goals. Their left half was also good and saved the situation several times, but their backs were not fast enough for the D.C.L.I. forwards.

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The Fusiliers worked hard, and in the second half their

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forwards had several excellent chances of running through and scoring, but one or other of the forwards nearly always spoilt the opportunity by standing offside. This was an outstanding fault of the team. About ten minutes before the end the D.C.L.I. outside left, who played brilliantly throughout the game, got away again by himself and centred beautifully, the centre-forward once more being presented with an easy shot, which the Fusilier goal-keeper had no chance of saving. After this the Fusiliers bucked up, and playing well they bombarded the D.C.L.I. goal and had very hard luck in not scoring. Two shots at goal just missed by striking the uprights. The D.C.L.I. goal-keeper also saved brilliantly on two or three occasions. However, the game ended after this, leaving the D.C.L.I. winners by 3—0.

HOCKEY.

5TH FUSILIERS *v.* D.C.L.I.

In this game, on the evening after the soccer match, the Fusiliers revenged themselves amply for their defeat at soccer the previous evening.

The game started at 5.15 p.m., with the D.C.L.I. defending the north end goal. From the very start the Fusiliers began to

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press and to worry their opponents, and they very soon assumed mastery over the game. The D.C.L.I. backs and halves played very gamely and stemmed the attacks for a while, but they were outclassed and their resistance was gradually worn down.

Five minutes from the start, the Fusiliers' inside-left broke through from a scrimmage near the D.C.L.I. 25 yds. line and scored an easy goal.

They followed up this success with a second goal a few minutes later, scored by the inside right. The D.C.L.I. then tried hard to relieve the pressure, and their forwards made one or two attacks on the Fusiliers' goal, but their forwards were rather ragged and lacked combination. The Fusiliers' defence throughout the game was much too good for the D.C.L.I. forwards. Before the end of the first half the Fusiliers scored two more goals as the results of scrimmages in front of the D.C.L.I. circle, and the sides changed over with the FIFTH leading by 4—0.

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The second half became a procession of goals for the 5th Fusiliers, who completely mastered the game. They scored 5 goals, and might have scored more but for the over-eagerness

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of the forwards who were inclined to get in each other's way occasionally. The D.C.L.I. forwards were never dangerous, and the FIFTH's defence was much too good for them. The game ended a win for the FIFTH by 9—0.

The ground was very soft and sodden with rain, and the grass was too long, with the result that it was not a very fast game, and at times it became very sticky and scrimmaging.

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Tuesday was a full day. In the morning the visitors took on "B" Company at basket ball and miniature rifle shooting (not counting in the competition); the afternoon saw the first innings of the cricket match, and in the evening we played the Rugby match.

CRICKET.

5TH FUSILIERS *v.* D.C.L.I.

5TH FUSILIERS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Capt. Hogshaw, b Sgt. Drew	15	b Sgt. Drew	15
S Sgt. Adams, b Pte. Clark	9	b Pte. Bennett	3
Lieut. Fryer, lbw	4	b Pte. Clark	61
Bdmn. Trower, c Pte. Clark, b Sgt. Drew	20	b Pte. Bennett	9
Sgt. Parkins, b Sgt. Drew	2	b Sgt. Drew	1
Major Foster, c Lce.-Cpl. Simpson, b Sgt. Drew	0	b Sgt. Drew	14
Col. Kershaw, st Pte. Bennett	7	run out, b Lce.-Cpl. Simpson	5
Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, c Sgt. Drew, b C.Sgt. Rowe	2	c and b Pte. Clark	8
C.S.M. Brockelsby, c and b Sgt. Drew	7	b Lce.-Cpl. Simpson	0
C.S.M. Beck, b Lce.-Cpl. Simpson	2	c and b Pte. Clark	0
Cpl. Geldart, not out	0	not out	1
Extras	5	Extras	14
Total	73	Total	131

D.C.L.I.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Lce. Cpl. Simpson, st C.S.M. Brockelsby, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	0	c Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, b Bdmn. Trower	19
Pte. Lye, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	1	c and b Bdmn. Trower	6
Lieut. Atkinson, run out	4	c Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, b Cpl. Geldart	4
Sgt. Welch, b S Sgt. Adams	4	b Cpl. Geldart	0
C.Sgt. Rowe, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	0	run out	0
Pte. Bennett, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	2	b Col. Kershaw	2
C.Sgt. Moses, run out, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	5	b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	16
Pte. Clark, c Lieut. Fryer, b Cpl. Geldart	3	st C.S.M. Brockelsby	2
Sgt. Drew, not out	21	c Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, b Cpl. Geldart	11
Pte. Collins, c C.S.M. Beck, b S Sgt. Adams	0	not out	2
Pte. Bade, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	0	b Bdmn. Trower	1
Extras	2	Extras	3
Total	15	Total	57

Win for the FIFTH by 102 runs.

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On the last day of their stay, we played a combined team of the 1st D.C.L.I. and 1st Royal Batt., 9th Jat Regt. Play was delayed by rain overnight, but the match was decided on the first innings.

5TH FUSILIERS *v.* D.C.L.I. AND 1OTH JAT REGT.

5TH FUSILIERS.

Col. Kershaw, c Lieut. Atkinson, b Pte. Clark	3
S.Sgt. Adams, c Capt. Phillipps, b Capt. Brett	21
Sgt. Parkins, c Sgt. Welch, b Sgt. Drew	36
Capt. Hogshaw, c Capt. Brett, b Sgt. Drew	17
Bdmn. Trower, b Sgt. Drew	2
Major Foster, b Sgt. Drew	30
Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, lbw	6
Fus. Gray, not out	0
Cpl. Geldart, not out	1
C.S.M. Beck, not out	0
C.S.M. Brockelsby, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	125

COMBINED TEAM.

Capt. Brett, lbw	2
Capt. Adams, b Cpl. Geldart	16
Col. Carey, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	1
Lieut. Atkinson, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	2
Sgt. Drew, b Bdmn. Trower	10
Pte. Clark, b S Sgt. Adams	7
C.Q.M.S. Moss, c Cpl. Geldart, b S.Sgt. Adams	4
Sgt. Welch, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	4
Capt. Phillipps, not out	30
Mr. Power, st C.S.M. Brockelsby, b Col. Kershaw	8
C.Q.M.S. Rowe, c Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, b Col. Kershaw	5
Extras	2
Total	91

Win for 5th Fusiliers.

RUGBY.

5TH FUSILIERS *v.* 1ST BATT. D.C.L.I.

The match against the D.C.L.I. took place on Friday, 12th September. The ground was in good condition, although, unfortunately, the day was hotter than usual. Play commenced at 5.30 p.m., and from the first, although a number of the usual members of our team were not playing, it became apparent that we had the stronger side. The play developed largely into a forwards' game, chiefly owing to a lack of combination between the backs on both sides. The FIFTH had the heavier scrum, and usually managed to get the ball, although this advantage was nullified as a rule by the three-quarters succumbing to the fatal habit of running across the field, instead of straight, and thus losing ground.

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A number of tries will always be lost until the three-quarters realise that they must run straight and pass when they are tackled, instead of indulging in the sensational run across the field and the fatal habit of fly kicking.

Some good forward rushes were made, resulting in tries on two occasions.

Sergt. Parkin converted one try with an excellent kick almost on the touch line.

There was no doubt from the commencement of the game, that we were the superior side, and the final result was 11—0 in our favour.

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The final events with the D.C.L.I. were soccer sixes, tug-of-war and relay race.

In the soccer sixes, each regiment won its way into the semi-final. In the final, after a very hard fight we just succeeded in equalising in the last half-minute. The relay race, consisting of the U.M. Cpl. Dickenson, Lce.-Cpl. Wool, Fus. Noble and Bdmn. Knox, lost to our visitors; also the tug-of-war team. We however succeeded in winning the whole series of the competition by the small margin of one point.

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Final results :—

5TH FUSILIERS.	PTS.	1ST D.C.L.I.	PTS.
Cricket	2	Relay race	2
Rugby	2	Tug-of-war	1
Hockey	2	Soccer	2
Soccer sixes	1	Soccer sixes	1
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RUGBY NOTES.

Although the Rugby season is only half-way through, it is perhaps an opportune time to glance at the results so far obtained, learning what we can from our accomplishments, but still more from our defeats.

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This is the first year since the war that a Battalion team has taken the field against out-station opponents. So far we have done as well, if not better, than we did as a station team last year. Owing to the late hill move, scrum practices were impossible before matches commenced, yet in spite of this we succeeded in winning the first two of our games.

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The defeat of Bareilly Gymkhana by 8 points to 5 took place four or five days after the first hill party arrived back in Fyzabad. A week later this Gymkhana team was beaten some 60 points to nothing by the Welch Regt. In the meantime we did as much practice as time and climate would allow, and played a match a fortnight later at Bareilly against the Welch Regt., who have the name of being the best Rugger Regiment in India.

AS OTHERS SEE US — (No 1)

and managed to hold them in a fairly even game, being beaten 11 points to nil.

If this can be done by an almost unpractised team, there is no reason why we should be second to any if we make up our minds to really work at it next year.

AS OTHERS SEE US (No 2)

"O.H."

Our defeats by Allahabad and the Welch Regt. were not due to going less hard or to being less fit than our opponents, but entirely due to lack of knowledge of the tactics of the game and bad team work. We have seen in the match against the Welch Regt. the improvement that even a fortnight can make in a team. Scrum practices are perhaps a somewhat tedious pastime, but a very necessary part of the game of Rugby.

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If we in this Battalion want to have a first-class Regimental Rugby side, it is absolutely essential that not only the ten or eleven "rugger enthusiasts" turn out for practice, but everyone interested in the game and who wants to see the Regimental side successful. The small attendances at practices has been the chief difficulty in improving the team this year.

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If players will only turn out regularly and in numbers next year there is no reason why we should not aim at the All India Cup in Calcutta in 1925.

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MATCHES.

Fyzabad v. Bareilly Gymkhana.

Although the team put into the field against Bareilly was termed a station side, the only non-Fusilier playing was Lieut. Beresford of the 1st Royal Battalion, 9th Jat Regiment. The Bareilly team, which was apparently composed of the fifteen largest men in the United Provinces, presented a truly awe-

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inspiring appearance when they ran out on the field, dressed in black jerseys with a grisly death's head emblazoned on their

AS OTHERS SEE US (N°3)

"HAL."

breasts. Five minutes after the start of play it was evident that their pack, though far outweighing ours, failed to live up to their appearance, and our forwards held them easily, getting the ball nearly every time, though it was noticeable that the ball once in one's possession did not always come out as clearly as could be desired, and often sticking in the second row. Ten minutes after the start of play a run by Allen resulted in a try which was converted, shortly afterwards the Bareilly three-quarters got going and scored between the posts. The kick was successful, and at half-time the score was 5—5. In the second half, although our forwards were pressing hard, our three-quarters never got going at all, and the only score was a drop kick which left us the winners by 8—5.

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FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* CHESHIRE REGIMENT.

In the first round of the "West Cup," thanks to several scrum practices, our form against the 1st Batt. Cheshire Regiment showed a considerable improvement over that of the previous week's match.

This improvement was specially noticeable in the three-quarter line, which got going well on several occasions, though it must be admitted that the opposing three-quarters were considerably stronger than those we had been up against *v.* Bareilly. The final score of 19—0 in our favour was a fair indication of the game.

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FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* ALLAHABAD GYMKHANA.

(Second round, West Cup.)

According to the draw, our match *v.* Allahabad Gymkhana should have been played at Fyzabad. At the request of Allahabad, owing to the inconvenience of the trains from their point of view, it was arranged to play them at Lucknow on Thursday, 14th August, and to go on to Bareilly the following day and play the Welch Regiment in a friendly match.

Whether it was due to an undue elation at our previous victories, or to the unsettling effects of the train journey on the players, there is no doubt that we deserved the beating that Allahabad gave us. Instead of pushing, several of our forwards showed an inclination to wing in the scrum with the inevitable result that even when we got the ball we were pushed off it, and in the loose there was far too much fly kicking, very often straight into the hands of the opposing backs. Our three-quarters did not mark their men, and two of their tries were due to three of our three-quarters allowing themselves to be drawn in a bunch by one man, thus leaving two of theirs unmarked.

Allahabad Gymkhana was undoubtedly the best and most experienced team that we have met, but it is equally certain that had we played rugger as a team, as it should be played, we had an excellent chance of beating them, and our defeat by 18—8 was entirely our own fault.

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FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* THE WELCH REGIMENT.

16th August, 1924.

The salutary effect of our defeat on Thursday was reflected in our play against the Welch Regiment. Our forwards played

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"SAMMY."

an excellent hard game throughout—though they were up against a far more experienced pack they succeeded in holding them and

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got a fair share of the ball; and our halves, in particular Clayton, played a really sound game, and were very quick in getting on to the opposing half-backs. Our three-quarter line, though weakened by the exclusion of Allen (H.Q.), showed a considerable improvement, and defended very well, though Cpl. Dickenson showed a dangerous tendency to fly-kick instead of falling on the ball. The tackling was good all along. In view of the fact that the Welch Regiment are an experienced team, with a high reputation, we have no reason to feel ashamed of our defeat at their hands by 11—0. The refereeing in this match was stricter than we have been accustomed to, and in view of the fact that we had no less than seven kicks given against us, either for off side or picking up in the scrum, as opposed to one given against the Welch Regiment, any time spent in learning the rules would be well spent.

EXTRACTS FROM PART II. ORDERS.

Promotions and Appointments.

No. 4257373 Lce.-Cpl. A. Armstrong, H.Q. Company, promoted Paid Corporal with effect from 25th August, 1924, *vice* R. Wood, reverted.

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No. 7075331 Lce.-Cpl. E. Masterson, " B " Company, absorbed in establishment of Paid Lance-Corporals with effect from 25th August, 1924, *vice* Armstrong, promoted.

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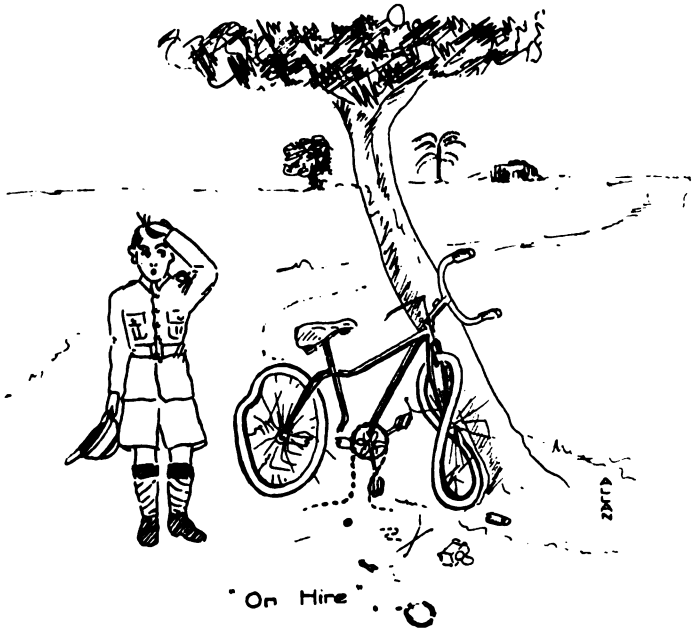
No. 4256860 Bandsman J. Stephenson, H.Q. Company, appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporal with effect from 26th August, 1924.



The undermentioned Fusiliers are appointed Unpaid Lance-Corporals with effect from 26th August, 1924:—

No. 6779691 Fusilier E. Davis, " A " Company.
No. 4260384 Fusilier J. Burke, " C " Company.

No. 4260338 Fusilier H. Davies, " A " Company.
No. 4261764 Fusilier J. Batey, " D " Company.
No. 4260222 Fusilier J. Kemp, " C " Company.
No. 4260431 Fusilier J. Woodhouse, " A " Company.
No. 4262049 Fusilier W. McNichol, " D " Company.
No. 4261135 Fusilier G. Allen, H.Q. Company.
No. 4261122 Fusilier W. Stanhope, " C " Company.
No. 4260926 Fusilier W. Bland, " A " Company.
No. 4262346 Fusilier R. Boyle, " B " Company.
No. 7077083 Fusilier A. Whitthread, " A " Company.
No. 6454924 Fusilier J. O'Rouke, " B " Company.

2nd BATTALION DETACHMENT NOTES.

Ranikhet,
26th August, 1924.

News here during the last month has been governed almost entirely by the weather. When the rains have given us a day off, work and play have gone on as usual, and life has been pleasant; but during the frequent tropical downpours work has been interrupted, especially musketry; games have been impossible, and life has been miserable. I am not quite right, though, in saying games have been impossible, football being the notable exception. The way in which football matches have been played out in spite of the monsoon, once more shows up the well-known doggedness of the British race, and the gaiety of the British soldier under depressing conditions. No downpour, however heavy (and those who have served in the tropics know what these downpours are like), and no depth of water on the ground, have deterred the players or spectators from their enthusiasm for the game.

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In the first round of the football tournament for the Neaz Ahmud Cup, our team beat the Welch Regiment by 3 goals to 2. The first half produced a good game, but for some

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unknown reason both sides failed to do themselves justice in the second half.

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In the second round we beat the 4th Hussars by 2 goals to 1—a poor game, most of our team not showing their true form.

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We meet the R.F.A. in the semi-final.

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A Novices' Boxing Tournament, open to the station, was started in the Gymnasium yesterday. The entries have been satisfactory, and as luckily the gymn being a big one meets all our requirements, and the competition should be a success.

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In addition, the Boxing Club are getting up a Tournament on the 8th, 9th and 10th September, open to the station; this is under the patronage of General Deverell. The results of these tournaments will be given in next month's notes.

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Among the minor discomforts of Ranikhet at this time of the year—somehow it is always more amusing to think of discomforts past, or nearly past, than the comforts and pleasures which one is apt to take as a matter of course—are the insect inhabitants, and the ways of the subordinates in the Military Works Dept. The former being nocturnal in habit seldom make their presence felt until one is well asleep. They then enjoy a rich harvest from the sleeper's face, neck, hands and feet, until the sleeper wakes and strikes a light upon which they double to their cover, if not too bloated by their libations, with wonderful agility. No mosquito net will defend one against these pests, and their skill in skirmishing behind cover and in returning to a safe place, is well worthy of a better cause.

Boo—ooh! How they treat us.

Most people will know the insect I speak of, but few except those who have served at Ranikhet can know so thoroughly its ways and customs. In other words, one of the plagues in Egypt is mild in comparison to the plague of —— here.

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The other discomfort, due to the subordinates of the M.W. Service, is of a different kind.

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It was decided at the end of July to close the road between the District Offices and the Church, for repairs.

This road is the main artery of Ranikhet; by it all motor traffic must go or "stay behind."

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All arrangements were completed, including the arrival of two traction engines, when the Indian mechanics struck work.

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This has caused inconvenience and consternation all round. Golf enthusiasts look longingly towards the promised land of Upat in vain, lorries full of the travelling natives of India with their wives and families are compelled to make a detour of many more miles along a vile road, and what upsets these travellers even—the longer journey has to be paid for, and those Europeans with social leanings are no longer able to join the stream of the almost London-Brighton like procession of cars on a Sunday to Upat for lunch or tea. However, everything comes to an end, except Wigmore Street, and this end has been, we hope, hastened by finding that Lce.-Cpl. Butler, "C" Company, is an expert tractor driver, and can replace the disgruntled Indians. He was able to make a start at the job last Sunday near the Church, just when the lesson was being read, and we hope to use the road again by 1st September.

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Colonel Sandilands goes down with District H.Q. about the 15th September, and the Detachment is moving in three parties down the hill, starting on the 12th October. Mr. Martin has arrived here on leave, but joins the Detachment for duty on 18th September.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We omitted to mention, in our last notes, that the winner of the "George Prophet" cue for the Flying Handicap was our Educational genius, Sergt. "Bob" Arkwright, whose mental capacity for figures was really too good for a somewhat wary opponent. Pelmanism is a cheap means to success, but I rather imagine in this case the short course, although proving successful, was an expensive way to an ambition. The toast—filled and proposed by the winner—was indeed well responded to.

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A general renovation of the Mess is in progress just now. Garden squads and presentation trophies bespeak big efforts. What more happy training does "Chips" Jackson and his merry satellites get than evening exercise in the Mess garden?

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One espied the R.S.M. in his act of supervision over a dirtily clad gang of labourers—all sizes and forms—equipped too with the latest in mechanical tools, including a partly-filled bucket and a round of tumblers. Their efforts and attention to duty have never been eclipsed by any roll of defaulters. Indeed, there could be no mistaking that only a great principle could promote such energy, for the Garrison Provost Sergeant was there too, with his accoutrements thrown to one side. As a result of their efforts a dainty bower and railed enclosure have now made their appearance, to the general improvement of the Mess.

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The Mess are very much indebted to Sgt. T. A. Tudor for a very fine pair of Cheetal deer horns which he had kindly presented. We have now some lasting recollections of the efforts of a keen shikari, and as he has promised to add some more on his next shoot, we hope to be able to make an inventory in the Property Book to read: "The T.A.T. Collection."

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Sgt. Moore, D.C.M., who is attached to the Calcutta Scottish A.F.I., and Sgt. Leeder, Calcutta Battalion, A.F.I., have been

A FINE PAIR OF CHEETAL HORNS PRESENTED TO THE SERGEANTS' MESS BY SGT. T. A. TUDOR, M.M.

with us for annual training. As members of the "Chips" Jackson Garden squad, they were probably responsible for a good deal more merriment than work. But nevertheless a "pile driver" was needed, and Leeder came in very useful on those occasions.

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During the past month we were very pleased to be able to entertain five members of the Sergeants' Mess, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, from Lucknow, in the persons of C.Q.M.S. Moses, C.Q.M.S. Rowe, Sgts. Drew, Weilch and Thomas. They stayed with us for a period of five days, and such nights and times we have never had. The first-named guest has been responsible for much which is good, and more that is too good. He goes down in our memoirs as a great entertainer and artist, brandishing a good taste for great lavishments. His short stories are a collection of "Ecclatical Ditties," which we are sure are unsurpassed for originality.

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Several tournaments were arranged with our guests, and the results we append below:—

BILLIARDS

Mess Two *v* Guests Two (250 up).

MESS.		GUESTS.	
Sgt. Higgins	252	C.Q.M.S. Moses ..	194
O.R.Q.M.S. Atkinson ..	236	C.Q.M.S. Rowe ..	250
Total ..	488	Total ..	444

Mess Five *v.* Guests Five (half-hour games).

MESS.		GUESTS.	
C.S.M. Prophet	64	C.Q.M.S. Moses ..	75
O.R.Q.M.S. Atkinson ..	97	C.Q.M.S. Rowe ..	126
R.S.M. Johnston ..	53	Sgt. Drew	76
S/Sgt. Adams	96	Sgt. Weilch ..	67
Sgt. Grace	66	Sgt. Thomas ..	64
Total ..	376	Total ..	408

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BRIDGE.

R.S.M. Johnston and Sgt. Higgins defeated C.Q.M.S. Moses and C.Q.M.S. Rowe.

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The Mess were well represented in the Battalion Cricket Team *versus* the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. C.S.M. Beck, C.S.M. Brockelsby, Sgt. Parkin and Amr-S/Sgt. Adams participated.

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Appended below is the result of a cricket match played between the Mess and Machine Gun Platoon.

Sergeants *v.* Machine Gun Platoon.

MACHINE GUN PLATOON.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
C.S.M. Brockelsby, D.C.M., c Lce.-Cpl. Alder, b Lce.-Cpl Brice	1	b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	2
C/Sgt. Davis, b Fus. Burgin	3	b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	6
Sgt. Parkins, not out	26	c and b Lce.-Cpl. Brice ..	1
S/Sgt. Adams, b Lce.-Cpl. Brice ..	2	st Fus. Steel, b Fus. Burgin	1
Sgt. Drummond, b Lce.-Cpl. Brice ..	10	b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	6
Sgt. Skelton, run out, b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	3	st Fus. Steel, b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	1
Sgt. Wood, c Fus. McCarrell, b Sgt. Dalby	2	b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	5
C/Sgt. Moon, b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	0	b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	0
Sgt. Tudor, b Lieut. Fryer, M.C. ..	9	b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	2
C/Sgt. Willson, b Lieut. Fryer, M.C. ..	0	c McCarroll, b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	2
R.S.M. Johnson, c Fus. McCarrell, b Lce.-Cpl. Brice	1	not out	0
Extras	2	Extras	2
Total	59	Total ..	28

SERGEANTS, 5TH FUSILIERS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Capt. Hogshaw, M.C., c S/Sgt. Adams, b Sgt. Parkins	5	b Sgt. Skelton	31
Lieut. Fryer, M.C., b Sgt. Skelton ..	36	b Sgt. Skelton	8
Fus. Lacey, b Sgt. Skelton	16	b S/Sgt. Adams	0
Fus. Ellison, c C/Sgt. Davis, b Sgt. Wood	3	lbw, b Sgt. Skelton ..	4
Fus. Burgin, c C/Sgt. Davis, b S/Sgt. Adams	3	st C.S.M. Brockelsby, b S/Sgt. Adams	0
Lce.-Cpl. Alder, run out, b S/Sgt. Adams	0	run out, b S/Sgt. Adams ..	3
Lce.-Cpl. Brice, b S/Sgt. Adams ..	0	st C.S.M. Brockelsby, b S/Sgt. Adams	0
Fus. McCarroll, b Sgt. Parkins	0	lbw, b S/Sgt. Adams ..	2
Fus. Steel, c S/Sgt. Adams, b Sgt. Parkins	0	b Sgt. Wood	5
Sgt. Dalby, not out	4	c and b S/Sgt. Adams ..	0
Sgt. Fergusson, run out, b Sgt. Parkins	4	not out	1
Extras	8	Extras	6
Total	79	Total ..	54

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DEPÔT NOTES.

THE BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Sir Charles Harington paid us a visit of Inspection on 7th October. The Depôt official photographer was, as usual, in attendance, and the results of his work accompany these notes. Sir Charles expressed himself very pleased with all he saw, and the inspection must be voted a great success. I wonder what he thought of the noise on our 30 yards Range ?

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The inspection of the Depôt Institutes will, it is hoped, result in the near future with the extension of the men's recreation room library—a long-felt want. It is proposed to build out over the top of the Sergeants' Mess billiard-room, then to erect a partition between that room, which will then be our billiard-room, and the present room which will then be our library.

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We had a visit from our noble Editor, the other day. He had torn himself away from his strenuous duties at the " House " for a few hours' rest in the North. His views on the present political situation were eagerly listened to in the Mess, when he honoured us by his presence at lunch. May his shadow never grow less.

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Our energetic Adjutant is at present casting words of wisdom at the O.T.C. It is hoped they will not fall on deaf ears. I wonder if Officers Commanding Territorial Battalions and their Adjutants realise what a fruitful ground that Corps is for the supply of young officers for their battalions.

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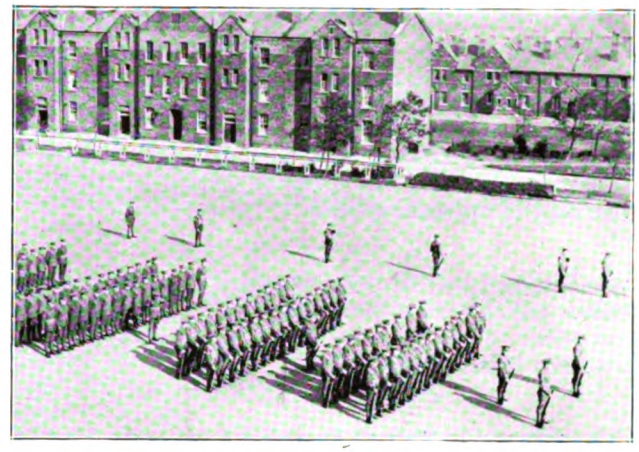
We have just despatched a draft *ex* 1st Battalion to India. Mr. Collingwood accompanied the draft to India, and Mr. Thomas went as far as Southampton. He reported that the authorities there were full of praise for the discipline which was shown, and said that it was the best draft that had gone through their hands for a very long time. They certainly were very little trouble to us. Sir Charles Harington, who

LT.-GEN. SIR CHAS. HARINGTON, B.G.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., AND OFFICERS DEPOT 5TH BATT. ANNUAL INSPECTION, OCT., 1924.

inspected them, was most complimentary about them—he wished them " bon voyage."

Our Institutes (less the Recreation Room) are looking too beautiful for words. The N.A.A.F.I. have refurnished them



INSPECTION PARADE, 1924.

at lavish expense and with excellent taste. The notice boards which they have supplied are a work of art, though they offend the eye of the good Fusilier with regard to position of crests—this, I trust, will be rectified very soon.

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The N.A.A.F.I. have, it appears, at long last realised their responsibility, and are spending some of their profits at the less important stations, but it has taken a fearful amount of grumbling and complaints to bring this about. It will be up to us to keep ourselves in the limelight, and to see that we are not neglected in the future.

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We heartily welcome Captain Arkwright, who has taken over the important duties of Officer-in-charge Administration.

He will be a great asset in all that attains to Sport, and we have great hopes of a good cricket team next year. They should be able to play on the new ground.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,
23rd October, 1924.

The chief incident of the month has been paying out of Bounties—an all-important annual event.

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The next news item is one which the writer records with very great regret—the resignation of Captain G. E. Charlewood. Owing to pressure of business affairs, " Charles " has found it impossible to continue to give the time necessary nowadays to command satisfactorily a Company of the Territorial Army. He will be a great loss to the Battalion, and the very best of good wishes of all ranks will accompany him wherever the Fates may call him in the future.

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A Divisional Tactical Exercise was held at Harrogate on the 11th October, which was attended by the Commanding

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Officer and the Adjutant. Both the exercise itself and the Conference which followed it were very instructive, and the week-end was thoroughly enjoyed by all the Officers who attended.

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Our thoughts are now turned towards the forthcoming Winter Training. A programme has been drawn up, and soon there will be much activity in the way of Depôt Courses, Company Classes, Lectures, Tactical Exercises, etc. It is hoped that all Officers and N.C.O.'s will take every advantage of the facilities which will be afforded them to burnish up their military knowledge prior to the commencement of Company Training.

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The Sergeants' Annual Smoker was held at Newburn on 18th October, and an account of it is given in the Newburn Detachment Notes. Never has a better programme been provided for us than on this occasion.

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The forthcoming General Election has, of course, kept us thinking, and at Newburn they are trying hard to discover what has happened to the Government's "positive cure for unemployment." The only cure those of us who are suffering from this misfortune have so far discovered is "7 years with the Colours"—and not a bad cure either ! !

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There is, to put it cautiously, a very strong rumour that next Annual Training will see us on the South Coast of England—probably at Brighton, or close by. The writer realises that this sounds rather like an Election Manifesto, but actually it is, unlike the latter, very likely to turn out correct.

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Mr. Peacock has taken over the command of "W" Company at Newburn. This Officer is at present attending a Course of Administration at the Regimental Depôt.

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Major St. John, the Editor of the *Gazette*, and a former Adjutant of the Battalion, has been in Hexham during the month. We were glad to see him looking so fit.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

The outstanding feature of this month is the retirement of our O.C. Detachment (Capt. G. E. Charlewood). Business reasons make it impossible for him to spare the time to "carry on." His excellent poems, sketches and notes in this *Gazette* will be greatly missed. He has set a high standard, to which giddy height his followers may never attain. We wish him the best of luck, and we hope he will not forget old friends, and that he will look us up occasionally.

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On Sunday, 9th November, we hope to hold a Church Parade and attend an Armistice anniversary service at Newburn Parish Church.

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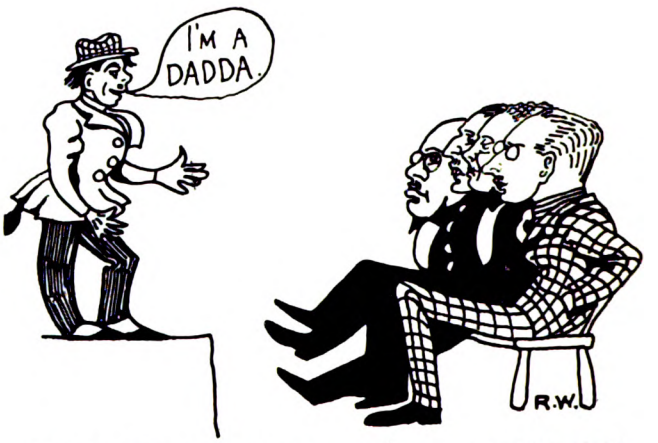
The Bounties have been paid out at last, and our relief is great. Stilled are the voices usually raised in query, silenced are the shuffling feet on the doorstep, motionless are the itching and twitching palms—all is well.

The Drill Hall now in course of construction grows apace, and some of the door and window openings are beginning to



THE FRONT SEAT AT NEWBURN SERGEANTS' SMOKER.

grow, and we are glad to notice that we might be able to march out of the building without forming "two deep."

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On the 18th the Sergeants held a Smoker at the Drill Hall, under the chairmanship of C.S.M. Stuart. The programme was excellent, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Officers present were Lt.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C.; Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O.; Major K. Greville Williams, O.B.E.; Captains G. E. Charlewood, R. Wood, F. B. Clarke, W. Watson, M.C.; Lieuts. B. Peacock, M.C., W. M. Gibson, M.C.; and 2nd Lieut. A. McLellan. There were present many friends from the "Prudhoe Guards." Midst great enthusiasm, Lt.-Col. Gibson presented the prizes won at the Sergeants' Annual Shoot. The presence of Capt. G. E. Charlewood was in the nature of a farewell to the Detachment. In a short speech, the C.O. (Lt.-Col. Gibson) expressed the appreciation of all ranks for the good work put in for the Battalion by Capt. Charlewood, and wished him well for the future. Capt. Charlewood suitably replied, thanking everyone for their kindness and good wishes.

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The Newburn branch of the Captains' Confederation assembled recently for its first monthly meeting. A discussion was held on a carved stone relic discovered by C.Q.M.S. Thomas Brown whilst digging in his garden plot at the Drill Hall, Newburn. It was the subject of a paper read by one of the members, and as it may be of interest is printed herewith :—

The Confederation is indebted to C.Q.M.S. Brown for his remarkable discovery in his garden plot. Recently he unearthed a relic of the "warring" period, which throws great light on the past military history of the Battalion. It is a stone, which if laid on the ground, along the front line of a section, would be five paces to the right and two paces to the rear, superficial area. It is four fingers thick. On the face is a quaint carving depicting a military commander of that period executing a war dance or "Swazi Walla." The figure is shown with three stars or pips fixed to a shoulder strap, which was the badge of rank of a "Cohort Commander," or "Captain of Company."

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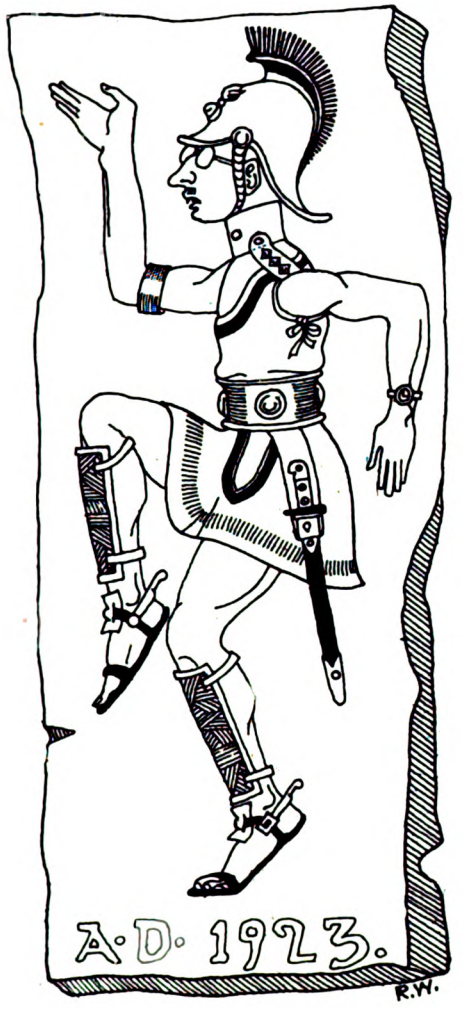
Men of those times often drank a form of intoxicant which also had for its badge or trade-mark these three stars; but,



considering the military bearing and apparel of the figure, it is safe to assume that the carving was not an intoxicant advertisement. This conviction is further strengthened by the obvious "Swazi Walla" attitude. It has already been definitely proved that this dance had some military meaning, but I think that it was not so much a dance practised by troops, as it was a Company Commander's frenzied, warlike gestures, executed for the purpose of inciting the troops to a blood lust or "Spirit of the bayonet."

I am of the opinion that this stone was part of a decorative frieze on the exterior of an ancient "Hall of Military Assembly" which stood in Prudhoe. This building was erected to some disciplinary or military authority, and was called "Drill Hall." In A.D. 1924, the troops of Newburn territory, or Territorials as they were then called, attacked Prudhoe, and after a severe fight reduced the military body of that town to a state of subservience. It is likely that "Drill Hall" was sacked and reduced to ashes, and the Newburn military may have taken away this valuable stone in their mechanical carts to Newburn, where it has now been found.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
23rd October, 1924.

Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. (Adjutant), and Capt. F. B. Cowen, M.C., attended the 50th Divisional Staff Tour at Harrogate from 10th to 12th instant.

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Bt.-Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., has been attending a further course at the School of Artillery, Larkhill.

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Capt. D. C. McCreath, M.C., attended a Musketry and Lewis Gun Course at the 25th Regimental Depôt, Berwick, from 13th to 23rd October.

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2nd Lieutenant A. E. Green has been attending at the FIFTH Regimental Depôt for his initial course.

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We have to welcome 2nd Lieut. W. E. R. Fuller, on being gazetted to this Battalion. He has been posted to "A" (Morpeth) Company.

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Berwick Company's football team continues to perform satisfactorily, their latest successes being a win by 6—2 at Belford, and a draw 2—2 with the Coldstream Platoon, 4th K.O.S. Borderers, both matches being from home. Sgt.-Instr. Loder is acting as hon. secretary.

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Sgt.-Instr. Cole, "C" Company, Amble, has been on leave.

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Last week some mischievous boys broke into the Drill Hall at Headquarters and made off with some bottles of the P.M.C.'s small stock of wine. Attempting a burglary elsewhere, they were caught by the police, and have been charged with the offence at Alnwick Petty Sessions. This is one of the minor risks attaching to a unit running its own Mess.

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Coming events include the 149th Brigade Dinner to-morrow (Friday), and the 149th Machine Gun Company Dinner at Berwick on 10th November.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st October, 1924.

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In the interests of our readers, we would call their particular attention to the notice of the death of Miss Procter, and to Colonel Money's letter, both of which appear in this issue. A perusal of "The Disbanding," and of the article "Humphrey Ravelin" contained in the *St. George's Gazette* of May, 1890, will amply repay the reader for the time and trouble he expends in searching the Regimental bookshelves for the 1890 bound volume.

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In the "Humphrey Ravelin" article appears an extract from a critique in the *Literary Chronicle* of 1823, which states that "Major Ravelin" (*i.e.* Col. Procter) "is a bachelor about

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sixty years of age, that has a great aversion to matrimony." In a footnote by the then Editor of the *St. George's Gazette*, the statement about his age is shown to be incorrect. The announcement as to the death of his daughter gives the lie to the second part of the *Literary Chronicle* statement. Curiously enough, another of his daughters is mentioned in a recent publication, "Truth at Last," by the late Sir Charles Hawtry, who claims descent from a daughter of Col. George Procter, of the Fifth Foot.

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In his article, "The Disbanding," Col. Procter displays his disgust of the Press predeliction for advertising Highland Regiments, for he comments upon the meagre announcement in his newspaper of the disbanding of our 2nd Battalion, by saying: "And this is all the scoundrel has to say for funeral oration to the Old and Bold and never failing!" to which he adds, ". . . and yet a water-drinking Scotch corps cannot shift their quarters from one country town to another, but he must tell us that the gallant—Highlanders or Lowlanders—march from this place to that, with the regrets of the inhabitants of the old quarter at their departure and the joy of those of the new station on their arrival."

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Subscriptions due in November:—

Cpl. S. Carter.	J. A. Piggot, Esq.
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Letters to the Editor.

DEAR SIR,

ENGLISH CHURCH AT YPRES.

It will be remembered that Field-Marshal Earl Ypres on the 4th August, the 10th anniversary of Great Britain coming in to the Great War, made a stirring appeal, in his speech to the League at Ypres, for an English Church to be built there.

This most valuable suggestion was followed up at once and strongly commended by the Archbishop of Canterbury and other representatives of the Church of England and the Army, in a letter to the Press of the 7th August.

To many people, we believe, it was startling to learn from Lord Ypres that nowhere "in the whole battlefield area" has the Church of England any place of worship "of a permanent character." It seems hardly credible that our country should not have built *one* Church to the memory of those who lie there at rest.

Lord Ypres was referring, of course, to the large number of pilgrims who go all the year round from our islands and Dominions to visit the graves of our armies in Flanders, and have no place, as he expressed it, "into which they can come for prayer and remembrance of their dead, and there in peace and quiet feel that appeal to Service and Sacrifice of which we are ever conscious."

Apart from those to whom Lord Ypres referred, we must remember that there are now six hundred men employed by the Imperial War Graves Commission in No. 1 Area (Ypres Salient) to tend these Cemeteries, and 200 of these men live near Ypres.

Our idea is to build first the Chancel end of the Church, and then extend it if necessary to hold about two hundred people. The building might be plain to begin with, and be later adorned with Regimental and other memorials as time goes on.

We have been deputed to make the appeal for funds to carry out this absolutely necessary work, and it is with the utmost confidence that we do make this appeal for an English Church, which we owe to the Memory of Service and Sacrifice.

Cheques can be made payable either to Bishop Bury, c/o the Rev. B. Staunton Batty, Commissary, Christ Church Vicarage, Down Street, London, W. 1; or to Field-Marshal Lord Plumer, through Lieut.-Colonel Poole, 36, Eaton Place, London, S.W. 1, and should be crossed "Lloyds Bank (6, Pall Mall, S.W. 1)"; or can be paid direct to the Bank, for the Ypres Memorial Church Fund.

We are, yours truly,

HERBERT BURY, *North and Central Europe.*
PLUMER, F.M.

29th October, 1924.

To the Editor of *St. George's Gazette.*

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The notice of the death of Miss Procter may recall to some of our readers the short account of the services of Col. Procter which were notified in the *St. George's Gazette* of May, 1890; in which number also is an extract from a book he wrote, called "The Disbanding." This was a delightful article referring to the Disbanding of the 2nd Battalion in 1816.

Yours truly,

C. G. C. MONEY, *Colonel.*

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

It will, no doubt, interest past and serving Fusiliers of the FIFTH, and in particular all members of the Northumberland Fusiliers O.C.A. (London Area), to hear that Mr. A. G. Edwardes has at last accepted promotion at the hands of O.C. Matrimony.

He is better known to serving and ex-Fusiliers as "Boss," and to members of the Association as co-founder with Mr. H. I. Morgan of the London Branch of the "Fighting Fifth" O.C.A.

His marriage to Grace Ethel Reneckles took place on the 21st ultimo at the Holy Trinity Church, Cloudesley Square, Barnsbury, N. 1, and notwithstanding the early hour (8.45 a.m.) was largely attended, the FIFTH being represented by Messrs. A. E. Bosten, J. Hutcheon and N. H. Leonard.

An admirable wedding breakfast was served to about 30 guests by Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Leonard (members of the Association), at whose house the reception took place.

The Association was represented at the reception by Mr. A. E. Bosten, our Entertainment Secretary, who, in the unavoidable absence of our worthy Secretary, proposed the usual toasts commensurate with such an occasion.

The bride and bridegroom in their reply thanked Mr. and Mrs. Leonard for the great amount of trouble which they had taken to provide for the comfort of all concerned.

Our lady membership has now been increased, and we look forward to being able to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Edwardes at *all* social functions to be held by the Association in the future.

DANCE.

A Carnival Dance was held at our Headquarters, the Veterans' Club, Hand Court, Holborn, W.C. 1, on Wednesday, 8th October, and although a most enjoyable evening was spent, we regret that the Association was not represented as much as we should like it to be. However, we hope to have better attendance as the season progresses.

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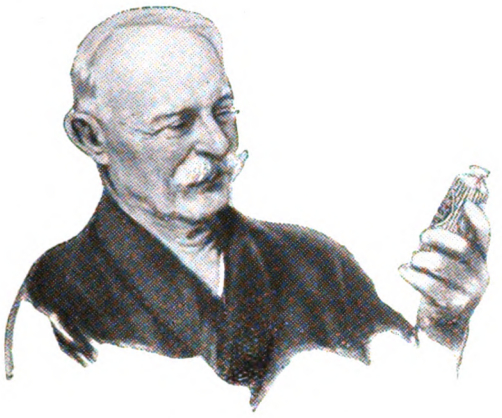

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BIG GAME SHOOTING IN INDIA.

EXTRACTS FROM A NOVICE'S DIARY.

(*Continued from page* 178.)

Tuesday, 22nd May.—Breakfast 4.15 a.m. Set off for Kutku (10 to 12 miles West of Lāt), where I intend to spend three or four days. Passed through Meral, which looks very good bison ground. Saw a number of tracks and old droppings of bison and a few recent ones.

Arrived at Kutku Forest Rest House at about 8 a.m. No chowkidar. Verandah inches deep in dust. Rustum and kit arrived about two hours later, also one of the buffalo calves. I had given orders for both to be brought. Made the coolies sweep the verandah and paid them 4 annas each—1 anna over wage. Lunched at about 2.30 p.m., having previously assuaged my hunger with tea and gingernuts.

The Mahato (village headman) arrived about 4 p.m. Agreed to supply fowls, eggs and milk. He told me that there are tiger and bison to be got, and that a tiger had killed twice in two days near the village (village cattle), but that with 50 coolies he had driven it away and had removed the kills. He agreed to tie up my "buff." He told us that in March and April bear come down in large numbers, and even enter the forest bungalow. Says I must go to Meral for bison.

Went out at 5.30 p.m. with gun and revolver, and sat down amongst rocks in river bed about ¼ mile from bungalow. Saw several peafowl and a barking deer, also a great many green pigeon, which roosted in the trees near by. Returned at dusk. Shikari reported that bear often come down at night to drink at river opposite bungalow.

Rustum declared that he is frightened of being "bitten" by a tiger or bear in the night, and begged for the loan of a fire-arm, which I refused. Bungalow is a mile from the village, and looks as if it had been unoccupied for many months. It stands right on the river's edge, and its situation is altogether attractive.

Wednesday, 23rd May.—Started out at daybreak. Found pagmarks of tiger in river-bed about half-mile from bungalow. Very fresh. Further on found pagmarks of a tigress and two cubs—also very fresh.

Went on towards Meral. Saw fresh droppings of bison. Saw a few sambhar. On way home came across a pack of about six or seven wild dogs. One barked at us. They were full of curiosity, and were not much alarmed. Fired at one running across at about 20 yards; missed. Missed another at about 80 yards. My shooting is awful. The pack had been lying-up near a half-eaten and freshly killed sambhar hind. My disgusting followers cut it up and carried it home to finish off themselves.

The Mahato took me to a pool where there was a small mugger, which he wanted me to shoot. After a wait, shot it in the head at about 15 yards' range and slew it. Back at bungalow at about 9.30 a.m.

In the evening took buffalo calf out and tied it up for tiger.

Thursday, 24th May.—A lazy morning. Up about 6.30 a.m. Breakfasted and went down to village with shikari. I begin to fear that the tiger and tigress have been driven away by the red dog.

Out again at 3 p.m. Tramped all round Meral. Saw nothing. Had shot at another mugger with revolver. Saw very large troop of Lāngur monkeys. Back at sundown.

Friday, 25th May.—Breakfasted about 6.30 or 7 a.m. Took gun and camera and followed the Koil down stream for a mile or so towards Morwai. River bed very rocky, and for some way river ran over solid rock. Took two photographs of Koil. On way home took off all my clothes and lay down in water. Water quite warm, of course.

On return find my stores very low, so decide return to Lat on the morrow.

About 5 p.m. thought I saw a bison grazing on hillside about a mile away. Carefully stalked it. It was a rock.

TWO LITTLE PIGS WENT TO MARKET. (THEY ARE ALIVE).

Saturday, 26th May.—Returned to Lāt, leaving Kutku about 9 a.m., and arriving at Lāt about noon. My bearer, Rustum, deserted on way, and went by another route to Dāltonganj, en route for Patna. Examined H——'s bison's head. Rather small, but not a bad head.

Sunday, 27th May.—Breakfasted about 5.30 a.m. Went out with H—— to see if a buffalo is being tied up every night at Tongāri. Find it is not. Return and sleep. Woken up by Abdul Karim with a chit from Kutku to say that my buffalo was killed last night. Send out another buffalo with message that I will go out the following morning.

About 4 p.m. went with H—— to see the sites of his "kills." Saw pagmarks of tiger round first one, which shikari had reported. A small tiger had walked past it without killing.

Saw H——'s old machan at second place—about 50 ft. high, right over kill. He must have had a job getting up to it and down from it. Drank at river. Home at dusk. After dinner prepared stores for two or three days at Kutku.

Monday, 28th May.—Set off for Kutku about 5 a.m. Bhisti to follow later with kit: he is to take Rustum's place.

(*To be continued*).

A DISTANT VIEW.

Two lads, hailing from the "Canny Toon," were standing on the top of Shadon's Hill near Wrekenton, enjoying the scenery. One of them remarked to a native: "Ye hev a grand view heor, mistar, an can see a lang way off." The native agreed with this statement. "Ye might be yeble to see America," continued the lad from the town. "Farther than that," was the answer, "Just wait till the sky's clear, an' ye'll see th' moon!"

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BIRTHS.

BEATTY.—On the 26th September, 1924, at the Family Station Hospital, Ranikhet, India, the wife of No. 4256272 Cpl. A. M. Beatty, 2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers—a daughter (Joan Mary).

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. H. N. Hopper resigns his commission (15th Nov.), and retains the rank of Lieutenant.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Batt.—Lieut. B. Peacock, M.C., to be Captain (4th Oct.).

The following to be 2nd Lieutenant :—

6th Batt.—Cadet C. B. Gillespie, from Cambridge University Contingent, Senior Division O.T.C. (19th Nov.).

7th Batt.—Capt. (Prov.) D. C. McCreath, M.C., is confirmed in his rank (17th Dec., 1923).

The King has conferred the Territorial Decoration upon the following Officer, under the terms of the Royal Warrant dated 13th October, 1920 :—

7th Batt.—Major H. R. Smail.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,
November, 1924.

Since the last notes were written the Rhine has made a determined and thoroughly laudable attempt to wipe Cologne off the map. We can only deplore its failure. In addition, the weather during the past month has been chameleon-like in its variability, bright sun, fog, frost and rain alternating with bewildering uncertainty.

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Rumours are rife regarding our future movements, as the evacuation of Cologne is due, under certain circumstances, to take place in January. Lacking prophetic vision, however, speculation is idle, and we merely reserve to ourselves the soldier's ancient right to grouse whate'er befall.

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The following account of the ceremony at Ghent has been kindly contributed by a participant :—

"On 25th October Capt. Powell and Lieut. Newstead and 30 other ranks proceeded to Ghent, to act as Guard of Honour, representing the British Army, at the unveiling of the Belgian Allied War Memorial. The following is an account of the ceremony :—

"We arrived at Ghent about 5 p.m. on 25th October, and were met on the station platform by the General of the District, the Mayor and several other local dignitaries.

"We then proceeded to Leopold Caserne, where accommodation had been provided for the men, the officers being accommodated at the Hotel de la Porte.

GHENT, 1924.
G.O.C.-IN-C. INSPECTING GUARD OF HONOUR.

"On arrival at the barracks, the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Regiment made a speech of welcome, but as he spoke in French, very little of it was understood.

"The men then sat down to tea, and at 6.30 p.m. again sat down to a long dinner, which went on for about three hours. A good quantity of different wines and English beer (which had been specially ordered in !) was also consumed.

"The parade for the unveiling ceremony started the following morning at 8 o'clock, and we did not get back to the barracks again till 12.30. The actual unveiling ceremony was performed by His Majesty King Albert. The G.O.C.-in-C. was also present. The British contingent was formed up on the right of the memorial, and the French contingent was formed up on the left.

"In the afternoon the men were entertained to tea at the Anglo-Belgian Club, and in the evening seats were reserved for us all at the opera.

"The following morning was devoted to sight seeing in the town until about 11.30, when we returned to barracks. Here,

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farewell speeches were made, and at 12.30 p.m. we started back for Cologne.

"During our short stay in Ghent, all ranks were most hospit-

GHENT—AT THE MEMORIAL.

C.Q.M.S. CARLIN. H.M. KING ALBERT.

ably entertained, and I think we all wished our stay could have been a little longer."

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On Armistice Day a parade was held in the Dorn Square, the Battalion being represented by a detachment, under Major Critchley-Salmonson and Mr. Newstead, consisting of the Colours, carried by Mr. Jones and Mr. Macmullen, and 100 other ranks.

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The Band played the detachment to and from the parade, and was massed, with other bands, during the ceremony.

The parade was commanded by Colonel Bethell (Colonel-Commandant 2nd Rhine Brigade), and the salute was taken, during the subsequent march past, by Col. Wallace-Wright, V.C. (Colonel on the Staff), in the absence of the Commander-in-Chief.

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The Square formed a fitting setting, the turn-out and drill

ARMISTICE DAY PARADE, DORN SQUARE.

were good, and the ceremony impressive, but as usual the impossibility of getting troops to *sing hymns* in the open air was clearly demonstrated.

Those of us with pre-war memories may well have regretted the absence of the pre-war full dress, but the march through the crowded Hohe Strasse, with the Band, the Colours and fixed bayonets, lost little in dignity thereby, and gave a peculiar and justifiable sense of satisfaction. As the Commanding Officer pointed out to the Detachment, the ceremony was one to which all would be able to look back as possessing no little historical interest.

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The 2nd Batt. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry and the 1st Batt. King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry have left on change of station. We wish them the best of luck. They have been replaced by the 2nd Batt. King's Shropshire Light Infantry and the 1st Batt. Manchester Regiment, to whom we extend a hearty welcome.

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On 28th October a party of 30 N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers left for premature transfer to the Reserve.

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We are now preparing another draft of 54 Fusiliers for the 2nd Battalion.

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This month has seen the start once more of the Weapon Training Officers' "Rodeo." Every afternoon future Dell-brucke marksmen may be observed in weird garb executing movements to C.S.M. I.M. Dipper's magic words: "Reload! reload!"

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The Education Officer, Mr. Steele, has been having a busy time. On 6th November, 13 men sat for 3rd Class Certificates, but the results are not yet to hand; and on the 26th and 27th, 46 are sitting for 2nd Class Certificates.

Lce.-Cpl. Hall, of "W" Company, has obtained a 1st Class Certificate.

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Mr. Yorke, Mr. Seth-Smith and Mr. Crawhall have all gone on leave, the last-named's duties as Adjutant having been taken over temporarily by Mr. Butterfield. Captain Rushbrooke has returned from his long spell of sick leave, and although unable at present to knock the hockey ball about as of yore, we are very glad to see him looking so well, and hope he will soon be as fit as ever.

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Our Warden of the Marches is believed to be still residing at Engelskirchen, cleverly disguised as an Officer. It is understood that he proposes shortly giving to the world a series of studies dealing with his life as a disciple of the great Sherlock Holmes, and of two we have already been privileged to hear the outlines. The first, entitled "The Episode of the Swimming Ammunition," discloses a truly amazing perspicacity, worthy of the master, for who but a genius would have realised the necessity, not merely of assuming the guise of an angler, but of actually feigning that fish were his quarry, the better to enmesh the adversary in his coils?

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When asked whether the secret lay in the bait or the length of line used, his only answer was one of those inscrutable smiles, which so often baffle his brother Officers.

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The second study, entitled "The Episode of the Twenty Grey Hats," is in a very different category, and shows him as the man of action, a trifle ruthless, but quick to decide and to execute.

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We can picture the scene.—The sudden telephone call from the police, describing the dangerous criminal they are after, believed to be hurrying to the frontier in a certain train ; to be identified by the GREY FELT HAT he is wearing. Next, the rush to the station ; the arrival of the train ; the search ; the discovery of the twenty passengers, all wearing grey hats ; the short word of command, which makes them prisoners ; the equally short explanation (which leads each to believe that his crime consists in the wearing of a grey hat).

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We see them marshalled on the platform, cursing the man who invented grey hats, cursing Tietz who sold them all grey hats ; swearing they will get them dyed at once ; anything ; but all to no purpose ; Sherlock Holmes' understudy remains adamant, the inscrutable smile on his face ; the train steams out.

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An hour passes, a day, a week—time is nothing in such cases ; he remains at his post. Into his eyes has come that far-away look we know so well, and which hides, what deep thoughts—who knows ? (Nor, perhaps, does he.) Is he dreaming of the High Alps, where he hopes some day to run his mortal enemy to earth and catch him with the point of his ski in that part of his anatomy where he will feel it most, or does his mind revolve the possibility of a coup in which some strange beast, disguised as a mare, plays no small a part ? Again, who knows ?

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But everything comes to him who waits, and at last the police arrive. A quick inspection, and the criminal is identified. Yes, that is he, the miserable wretch who was too literal in his translation of the English idiom and dared begin a letter to their beloved Chief—" Hirschgarten." Him for the dungeon.

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Yes, he is a strong man, our Warden, a conscientious man, and withal adaptable, for has he not adopted that well-known principle of German justice—" Better nineteen innocent men suffer, rather than one possible criminal escape " ?

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Our far from sainted companion of St. George has just completed a P.T. Course at Rhiel.

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He has also bought a motor car, but is rather quiet about it (which is more than the car is).

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The utility of the former in connection with the latter would be more obvious if he could drive and push at the same time.

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We have not gone through a P.T. Course, but he apparently thinks that an excellent alternative may be found in causing us to push car + steerer + guest + dog from the Mess to Rhiel after a Band night.

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Our opinions on the subject are unprintable.

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When it was learnt that he had also bought Mr. Bland's well-known mare " Molly," our classical expert was heard to murmur the very mixed misquotation : " Quis deus ex MACHINA perdere vult, primum d——," or words to that effect.

REGIMENTAL SHOOT.

We have the same shoot this year as last, at Poulheim, some 25 minutes' run by car from barracks.

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At first the season promised to be very poor ; there was a distinct shortage of birds and hares, and much talk of the wet summer, as well as rumours of poaching.

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Latterly, however, game has been rather more plentiful, but our bags have remained poor, for other and more personal reasons.

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Still, this is rather in the nature of an " ill wind," for obviously the less we shoot the more we shoot !

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A brother officer, having observed Mr. Pepys' friend, the Duke of Nairobi, for some hours, was heard to remark, with an accent on the BIG, that the latter's preference for BIG game shooting was now quite understandable ! At any rate we have had some very pleasant Sundays in the country, especially when the weather was cold but sunny, and not the least enjoyable and successful have been those when we have joined up with the Officers of the King's Dragoon Guards, and had a combined shoot over our adjoining " properties."

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The Battalion have only three more matches to play to complete the first round of the Rhine Army League, and our sequence of victories is still unchecked. Since our last notes were published we have played six more matches, the score and results of which we append below :—

5th Fusiliers *v.* 1st Batt. West Yorkshire Regt. " B "—won, 9—0.
5th Fusiliers *v.* 1st Batt. West Yorkshire Regt. " A "—won, 6—2.
5th Fusiliers *v.* 1st Batt. King's Shropshire Light Infantry—won, 3—1.
5th Fusiliers *v.* Royal Army Service Corps—won, 5—0.
5th Fusiliers *v.* 1st King's Dragoon Guards " A "—won, 3—2.
5th Fusiliers *v.* 1st Batt. Royal Ulster Rifles—won, 7—2.

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Perhaps the most exciting encounter among the above-mentioned matches was our meeting with the K.S.L.I. The K.S.L.I. are newcomers to the Rhine, and have arrived here with a very big reputation indeed. The first game they played on the Rhine was against the Regiment, and was the cause of much interest out here. Never before has our barrack square been so full. People arrived in hundreds, and it was a lucky forethought which made us win off the field of play. The game started with a rush down the field by the K.S.L.I. forwards, who were evidently playing to a set plan—namely, to run us off our feet in the first quarter of an hour. However, our defence was equal to the task, and time and time again the ball was cleared out of danger. Most of the raids on our goal came from the left wing, but these were successfully dealt with by Babington and Wigham, who are to be congratulated on the way they completely " set on " Cpl. Cross of the K.S.L.I. This player has played regularly for the Home Army, and had he been given half a chance he would have been exceedingly

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dangerous. Our forwards now proceeded to take matters in hand, and the K.S.L.I. defence had a very uncomfortable twenty minutes, and the whistle blew for half-time with the score 0—0.

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The first part of the second half was a ding-dong struggle, the ball passing from one end of the field to the other continuously. Gradually the Shropshires began to tire, and for the next twenty minutes our forwards dominated the play. Several good rushes were made down the field, which finally ended in Sgt. Walsh scoring our first goal. The left back, in attempting to clear the ball, kicked it against Walsh, who followed it up and racing through scored the first goal of the match. Five minutes after this a misunderstanding between Peppiatt and Jarman resulted in Cpl. Cross, of the K.S.L.I., obtaining the ball and having a clear run through. Purcell had no hope of saving the shot, which was a fast low one in the corner of the net. Excitement now ran high with the score 1—1, and 20 minutes to play. However, Taylor set all fear at rest when he obtained the ball in mid-field and by an exceedingly clever individual effort, in which he beat 4 men, succeeded in scoring our second goal. Shortly after this we were awarded a penalty which Wigham made no mistake about. The score now stood 3—1 in our favour, and the match appeared to be as good as won. The K.S.L.I., however, thought otherwise, and for the last few minutes of play the ball never seemed to leave our half, and they were very unlucky not to score at least once. One of their players in the excitement of the moment, with no one at all to beat, pushed the ball into the net with his hand. The final whistle blew with the K.S.L.I. still pressing, but with the score still 3—1 in our favour.

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Lce.-Cpl. Dreber, Fus. Wigham and Fus. Taylor were chosen to play for the Rhine Army against a Dutch team at Mantricht; while rumour has it that the inclusion of Cpl. Purcell and Lce.-Cpl. Babington was defeated by one vote at the B.A.O.R. Selection Committee Meeting.

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Company Leagues are in full swing. Owing to the draw, some Companies have played three games and others only one, so that a table of results is not interesting enough to publish at the moment.

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We append below an up-to-date table of the results of the B.A.O.R. "A" League.

"A" LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
5th Fusiliers	10	10	0	0	48	14	20
York and Lancs. Regt.	10	7	1	2	38	8	16
Cameron H'landrs. "A"	11	6	3	2	31	17	14
K.R.R.C.	9	6	2	1	20	13	13
K.S.L.I. "A"	7	5	1	1	45	12	11
King's Drg. Gds. "A"..	10	5	5	1	18	18	11
R.A.S.C.	9	4	4	1	19	12	9
Royal Ulster Rifles ..	10	4	5	1	27	31	9
Cameron H'lndrs. "B"	10	4	5	1	13	18	9
K.S.L.I. "B"	7	4	3	0	27	15	8
West Yorks Regt. "A"	10	0	6	4	8	19	4
Manchester Regt. ..	6	1	4	1	7	19	3
West Yorks Regt. "B"	10	1	8	1	10	58	3
King's Drag. Gds. "B"	10	0	10	0	8	65	0

Since these notes were written we have played one more game in the first round of the B.A.O.R. League, namely *v.* the Manchester Regiment. The match resulted in a win for the Regiment by 5 goals to 1. The table should now read:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
5th Fusiliers	11	11	0	0	53	15	22

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The team which has represented the Regiment on the last seven occasions has been as follows:—

Cpl. Purcell.
Fus. Wigham. Sgt. Peppiatt.
Lce.-Cpl. Babington. Lce.-Cpl. Dreber. Fus. Jarman.
Sgt. Walsh, Lce.-Cpl. J. C. Smart, Lce.-Cpl. J. Smart, Lce.-Cpl. Gillon, Fus. Taylor.

HOCKEY NOTES.

At the time of writing the Battalion have played 5 League matches, winning 4 decisively and losing to the R.A.O.C. after a somewhat scrappy game. Rumour hath it that our minds were mostly at Rhiel, where our all-conquering footballers were removing all doubts about the writing on the wall. Still defeat is defeat, and we were caught napping.

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We are looking forward to the return of Mr. Kilgour from leave, before we have to face the more experienced teams.

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TEAM.

Fus. Gilley.
Cpl. Kelly. Fus. Ryan.
Sgt. Gibbons. Sgt. Baker. Mr. Beckwith.
Mr. Carr Ellison. Sgt. Locke. Mr. Macmullen. Mr. Jones, Cpl. Obey.

Goals.—For, 37; against, 8.

BOXING.

We have just commenced the Boxing Season in Cologne, and at the time of writing are in the midst of the British Army of the Rhine Open Novices' Competition.

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The entry for this competition was the largest on record, there being a total of 158 entries.

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The Battalion entered 10 men, all of whom showed up splendidly.

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Up to the time of writing fighting has taken place two evenings, and the semi-finals and finals will be fought off in the following week.

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The following is a short account of the contests:—

FIRST SERIES.

Feather-weight.—Fus. Gladstone, 5th Fus., *v.* Rfm. Somerset Royal Ulster Rifles. Fus. Gladstone commenced the first round well and fought his more experienced opponent gamely. In the second round both men went in with a will and heavy blows were exchanged; towards the end of the round Gladstone received a right to the jaw, but fought on; the referee then stopped the fight, in Somerset's favour.

Feather-weight.—Pte. Barwick, York and Lancs. Regt., *v.*

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Fus. Hart, 5th Fusiliers. This bout started at a tremendous rate and it was soon apparent that it could not last long. After being sent down twice in the first round, Barwick was knocked out in the second round, and Fus. Hart thoroughly deserved his victory, although he was prevented from further successes owing to his thumb being broken.

Light-weights.—Dvr. Boggan, R.A., *v.* Fus. Hick, 5th Fus. Fusilier Hick put up a splendid show against his taller and more experienced opponent, who got home several hard blows to the head in the opening round. In the second round Fus. Hick was put down twice, and on each occasion rose and went after his man, and by sheer will power kept going until the end of the round. The Referee did not let the fight go further and awarded Hick a plucky loser's prize.

Light-weights.—Rfm. Hamlin, K.R.R.C., *v.* Fus. Wright, 5th Fus. This went the whole three rounds, and Fus. Wright was inclined to be too cautious, and Hamlin was awarded the contest.

Welter-weight.—Lce.-Cpl. Roper, 5th Fus., *v.* Pte. Davis, K.S.L.I., In the opening round Roper sized up his man and delivered a clean k.o. blow.

Welter-weight.—Pte. Chamberlain, K.S.L.I., *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Naylor, 5th Fus. This fight was fought at a great pace, and Naylor always held a slight lead, both men took and gave hard and clean blows. The fight was awarded to Naylor, and Pte. Chamberlain was awarded a good loser's prize.

SECOND SERIES.

Light-weight.—Fus. Raybould, 5th Fus., *v.* Pte. Rogers, Manchester Regt. Fus. Raybould, walk over.

Welter-weight.—Pte. Strutt, W. Yorkshire Regt., *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Roper, 5th Fus. Lce.-Cpl. Roper ended this in the 1st round with a knock-out to the jaw.

Welter-weight.—Lce.-Cpl. Naylor, 5th Fus., *v.* Pte. Overy, West Yorkshire Regt. After Naylor had opened with fierce blows on the head and mark, Overy gave in.

Welter-weight.—Fus. Irwin, 5th Fus., *v.* Pte. French, Cameron Highlanders. Irwin lead all the opening round, and punished his man severely. The second round saw some more hard hitting, and Irwin was cautioned for hitting with the inside of the right hand. Just before the gong Irwin sent his man to the boards with a knock-out blow, delivered with the heel of the hand. He was disqualified. Fus. Irwin was unlucky to deliver the foul, because he had a good clear lead on points.

The account of the remaining bouts will be carried on next month.

Fus. Flint (*feather-weight*), Lce.-Cpl. Scott (*light heavy-weight*), Fus. Raybould (*light-weight*), Lce.-Cpl. Roper (*welter-weight*), and Lce.-Cpl. Naylor (*welter-weight*) are still left in the competition, and we can predict some more keen encounters.

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The Novices' Team Boxing takes place in January, and the Battalion has some very good material to work on.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

November, 1924.

Owing to the fact that our next issue will not appear until after Christmas, we take this opportunity of wishing all members past and present, the "Compliments of the Season."

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We wish to congratulate the Battalion Soccer XI., who have maintained an unbeaten record for this season's "A" League

"OUR CARICATURE CORNER"

N°9. C.Q.M.Sgt W. CARLIN. D.C.M.

Competition. Further details will doubtless appear elsewhere in this issue.

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Little of note has occurred during the past month.

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Two of the Mess notorieties have proceeded on leave— to wit,

"OUR CARICATURE CORNER"

N°10. Col: Sgt: (O.R.S.) P. GALE.

Sergts. Curtis and Swain—and this occurrence has diminished our chance of gaining "copy" considerably.

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It may be mentioned that their "liver" departed with them.

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On 27th October a Dance was held, and in spite of the small gathering we managed to have a very jolly time.

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The tussle for the Billiard Cup is now in the course of organisation. We hope to see some interesting games in connection with this in the near future.

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The Mess itself is looking splendid just at present. We are enjoying the presence of a brand new set of curtains (of a brilliant and cosy red hue). A delightfully thick carpet for the entertainments room, and several improvements in the billiards room, have made things more cosy all round.

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Yea, verily, are the Gods kind to us.

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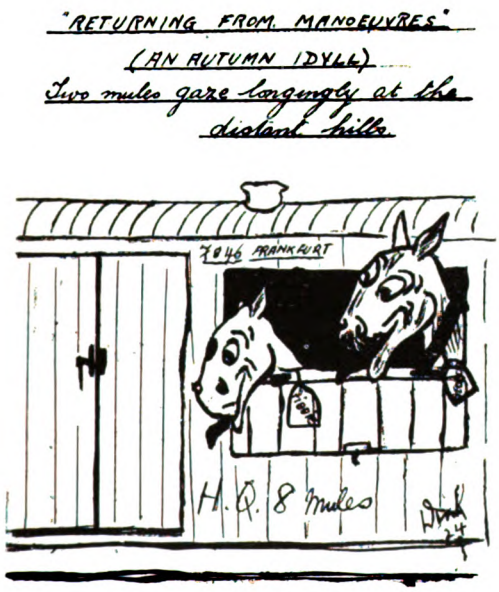
During the month we heard from ex-C.Q.M.S. Woods, and he



seems to be settling down in civilian life very satisfactorily.

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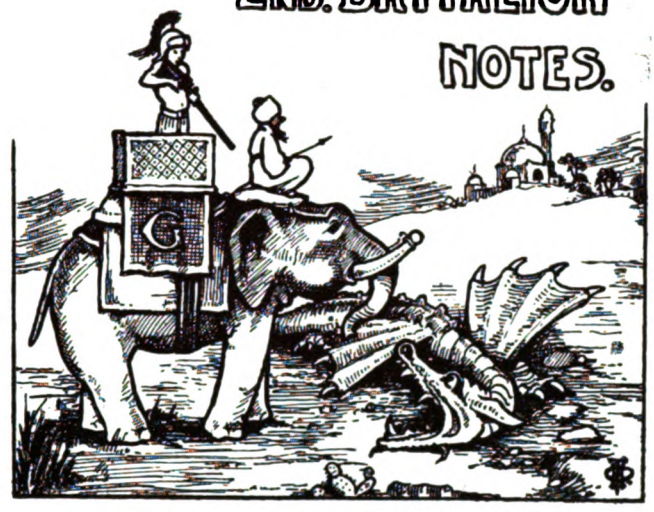
A Limerick for Brown, Chislett and Co. :—

"There was a young 'Ajax' supporter
Who took whisky hot without water;
Through a telephone ruse
He donned hat, coat and shoes,
Also trousers, but found he was caught(er)."

N.B.—The above records the tall yarn (which we were asked to swallow with our breakfast one morning) of a "single" member who was supposed to have been rung up by Lt.-Col. Saunders, a director of the "Ajax" Magnetic Belt Trust Unlimited. The "call" was from Brussels, and the time 11.15 p.m. Needless to say, we put it down to the ever-blameful "WHISKEY."

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,

22nd October, 1924.

It is very pleasant to see how many sons of old officers of the FIFTH are serving or hope to serve in the Regiment.

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Lieut. Kilgour with the 1st Battalion, 2nd Lieuts. Flower and Clifford now on the high seas *en route* for the 2nd Batt., and Major Foster's son in his first term at the R.M.C. Colonel Enderby's son is also at the R.M.C., but is destined for the Mounted arm.

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Congratulations to Major Ovans on his officiating appointment as D.A.A.G. to D.P.S. at Simla. We hope to see him back again towards the end of March, but shall miss him in camp.

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We were very glad to see McLean and Grimley, the latter looking so fit, in spite of his operation, on their return from leave in the United Kingdom.

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Thurston and Mrs. Thurston have left us this month on the former's posting to the 1st Battalion.

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Major F. R. I. Athill has rejoined after a long absence, and Lieut. Collingwood is joining the Battalion on first appointment early in November, together with a draft from the 1st Battalion of 110.

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The Adjutant made good use of his co-operation course at Quetta to study the form of polo ponies from the air, and we understand that this inspection, verified from the ground, has resulted in the purchase of numerous ponies capable of an incredible number of revolutions per second.

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Major Foster went to Ranikhet to take command of the 2nd Hill party when Major Ovans left for Simla, so our numbers in Mess have been still further reduced: the former was well equipped with guns, rifles and rods, and we hope he has time for good sport after his long spell on the plains.

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We have just heard that Major Foster's journey to the hills

Major H.L. Ovans, C.B.E.

was far from pleasant. News of a road broken at 200 places,

CAPTAIN T.C.L. REDWOOD.
(Daisy)

the Brewery buildings and hotel swept away or buried under a big landslide, and 18 inches of rain greeted him during his day of arrival in Kathgodam.

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Like a good Fusilier, as the road wasn't there, he walked across country -36 miles' marching and 2 hours' shooting comprised the first day's journey, but when he proposed to do the remaining 27 miles to Ranikhet on the morning of the second day, his coolies struck, and the journey was completed in just over two days.

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We wonder how his bearer enjoyed the first day.

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Fishing, pigeon shooting, cricket and golf have made the hot weather pass quickly enough. The monsoon has kept the

CAPT. TARLETON.

temperature down, and, except for June, which was very hot, Fyzabad has been quite a pleasant station.

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As these notes go to post, the rear party of the 2nd Hill Detachment is returning, and next week the whole Battalion will be together for the first time since April.

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Congratulations to the Hill party on annexing the Neaz Ahmed Soccer Cup and the three Cups for Boxing Competitions held at Ranikhet.

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The Cups were offered for competition between all detachments in and around Ranikhet, one by Lt.-Colonel H. R. Sandilands—won by 1st Detachment; one by the Battalion Boxing Club and one by Messrs. Neaz Ahmed, both of which were won by the 2nd Detachment.

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Pigott and Mrs. Pigott leave early next month, the former

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LIEUT. QUARTERMASTER J H. MAYNARD

to join the Staff College at Camberley. We wish them a very happy two years there.

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The whole Battalion will regret the departure of our acting padre—the Rev. B. Cotton—on well-deserved home leave. In spite of ill health, as the result of a recent operation, he has worked long and hard for the happiness of the Battalion, and will be missed very much by everyone.

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The inhabitants of Fyzabad and Adjodya cities were slightly excited by the Lucknow and Shahjahanpur riots, but a rumour that all leading inhabitants, both Hindoo and Mohammedan, would be selected as special constables in the event of trouble, has caused a wonderful easing of tension.

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We are losing over 120 Rank and file on completion of service and premature transfer to Reserve this trooping season, including R.S.M. Johnston and C.S.M. Prophet, M.M.; Sgts. Radforth and Ferguson; Cpls. Geldart, Saunders and Baker; Fusrs. Bowles and Stanton—who are all leaving us after many years of devoted service in the FIFTH, mainly in this Battalion.

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On 14th October, Grimley left for Deolali, with Sgts. Radforth and Ferguson, Cpls. Geldart and Baker, and over 70 Other ranks, including Fusrs. Bowles and Stanton, on completion of 21 years' service or on premature transfer to Reserve. Our best wishes for success in Civil life accompany them, especially those who have served so long and so devotedly in the Regiment.

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R.S.M. Johnston joined the FIFTH in May, 1903, and all his service has been in the 2nd Battalion. C.S.M. Prophet was decorated with the Russian Medal of St. George, 1st Class, for distinguished gallantry in the Great War. We offer our congratulations to Lieut. and Quartermaster Maynard and Mrs. Maynard on the birth of a son—Harold Osborne—since we wrote our last notes. This latest addition to the Maynard menage is the third son, and has Col. Sandilands and Major Foster for godfathers.

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Our congratulations are also offered to our hard-working Jemadar—Pirthipal Singh, of the Indian Platoon—who has been elevated to the grade of Subadar from 17th January, 1924.

SPORT.

A very pleasant and exciting game of cricket, between the Officers of the FIFTH and Station against the Battalion, resulted in a win for the Officers by 32 runs. The fielding of the Battalion side was very keen and smart throughout both innings, and their bowling was accurate and of good length. The fielding of the Officers, Padre Cotton especially, in the first innings was brilliant, but fell off and became very patchy in the second innings. As regards the Officers' bowling, the least that can be said of it was that whatever it lacked in speed it more than made up in variety.

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O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson, Fus. Standing and Lce.-Cpl. Bosworth batted well for the Battalion, and Major Hume Wright, Capt. Hogshaw and Capt. Brett for the Officers.

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Detailed scores are included elsewhere with these notes.

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Next week we play a team picked from the 1st Royal Batt. 9th Jst. L.I., 9th Battery R.F.A., and 11/7th Rajputs.

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Cricket Match played at Fyzabad on the 15th and 16th October, 1924, between Officers of the Station *v.* W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Men of the Battalion.

OFFICERS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Capt. Brett, c Fus. Standing, b S/Sgt. Adams	8	b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	20
Capt. Wimberley, st C.S.M. Brockelsby b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	11	c Lce.-Cpl. Bosworth, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	3
Major Hume Wright, c C.S.M. Beck, b S/Sgt. Adams	22	c C.S.M. Beck, b S/Sgt. Adams	9
Capt. Hogshaw, b Fus. Mills	53	b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	1
Lt.-Col. Carey, b Bdmns. Trower	20	b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	0
Capt. Fife, b Lce.-Cpl. Wilshaw	0	b S/Sgt. Adams	0
Rev. Cotton, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	12	b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	7
Lt.-Col. Kershaw, b C.S.M. Beck	2	b S/Sgt. Adams	6
Lieut. Humpreys, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	6	c Fus. Mills, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	0
Lieut. Earle, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	9	b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	0
Lieut. Pigott, not out	1	not out	8
Extras	11	Extras	3
Total	155	Total	57

W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
S/Sgt. Adams, c Capt. Brett, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	8	c Rev. Cotton, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	6
Fus. Standing, c Lt.-Col. Carey, b Capt. Hogshaw	23	lbw, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	12
Lce.-Cpl. Bosworth, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	9	c Major Hume Wright, b Capt. Brett	16
Bdmns. Trower, c Lieut. Humpreys, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	0	c Capt. Hogshaw, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	1
Lce.-Cpl. Wilshaw, c Rev. Cotton, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	9	b Capt. Hogshaw	1
Sgt. Parkin, run out	2	b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	17
C.S.M. Beck, not out	5	b Major Hume Wright	0
O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	0	b Capt. Fife	34
Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, c Lt. Humpreys, b Capt. Hogshaw	3	c Lt. Humpreys, b Capt. Hogshaw	4
C.S.M. Brockelsby, c Lt. Pigott, b Capt. Hogshaw	1	not out	1
Fus. Mills, c Capt. Brett, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	6	c Rev. Cotton, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	16
Extras	2	Extras	4
Total	68	Total	112

Officers won by 32 runs.

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Cricket Match played at Fyzabad, on 4th and 5th September, 1924, between "A" and "B" Companies.

"A" COMPANY.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Lce.-Cpl. Bosworth, c Fus. Devlin, b Lieut. Grimley	2	c Cpl. Boon, b Lce.-Cpl. Wilshaw	5
Fus. Standing, run out	3	c Fus. Devlin, b Fus. Jones	13
Fus. Noel, c Lce.-Cpl. Scott, b Lce.-Cpl. Wilshaw	18	b Fus. Jones	22
Lieut. Humphreys, b Fus. Jones	1	b Lieut. Grimley	18
Fus. Grief, b Fus. Jones	10	not out	26
Fus. Anderson, b Lce.-Cpl. Wilshaw	8	run out	12
Fus. Clark, c Cpl. Boon, b Lce.-Cpl. Wilshaw	0	did not bat.	
C.S.M. Brockelsby, not out	12	not out	2
Fus. Mills, b Fus. Jones	5	did not bat.	
Fus. Powell, b Lce.-Cpl. Wilshaw	3	did not bat.	
Fus. Alves, b Fus. Jones	1	did not bat.	
Extras	0	Extras	6
Total	63	Total	104

"B" COMPANY.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Lieut. Grimley, run out	64	lbw	5
Sgt. Wood, b Fus. Grief	1	c Fus. Anderson, b Fus. Grief	3
Lce.-Cpl. Masterson, played on, b Fus. Anderson	3	Fus. Conway, c Fus. Mills, b Fus. Anderson	0
Fus. Jones, c Lce.-Cpl. Bosworth, b Fus. Grief	1	b Fus. Noel	9
Lce.-Cpl. Wilshaw, b Fus. Noel	1	b Fus. Noel	28
C.Q.M.S. Willson, b Fus. Grief	3	c and b Fus. Noel	16
Fus. Pratt, run out	0	b Fus. Standing	7
Lce.-Cpl. Scott, st C.S.M. Brockelsby, b Fus. Grief	0	not out	3
Cpl. Boon, b Fus. Mills	0	b Fus. Grief	2
Sgt. Bellamy, c and b Fus. Grief	1	c Fus. Grief, b Fus. Standing	1
Fus. Devlin, not out	3	c Fus. Powell, b Fus. Grief	1
Extras	5	Extras	1
Total	82	Total	76

"A" Company won by 6 wickets and 9 runs.

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Cricket Match played at Fyzabad, between Batt. Headquarters and "A" Company, on 8th and 9th September, 1924.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Ar/S/Sgt. Adams, c Fus. Rolfe, b Fus. Noel	6	b Fus. Mills	2
Sgt. Skelton, c Lce.-Cpl. Bosworth, b Fus. Noel	20	b Fus. Noel	1
O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson, c Fus. Mills, b Fus. Noel	16	b Fus. Mills	0
Cpl. Geldart, c Fus. Anderson, b Fus. Noel	8	c Cpl. Young, b Fus. Noel	2
Lt.-Col. Kershaw, c and b Fus. Noel	6	c and b Fus. Noel	0
Fus. Birnie, c C.S.M. Brockelsby, b Fus. Mills	1	c Fus. Mills, b Fus. Noel	7
Sgt. Drummond, b Fus. Mills	10	b Fus. Noel	2
Lieut. Piggott, b Fus. Mils	3	b Fus. Noel	5
Sgt. Hebburn, b Fus. Mills	0	not out	0
Cpl. Tindall, b Fus. Mills	2	b Fus. Mills	1
Fus. Metcalfe, b Fus. Mills	0	c Lieut. Humphreys, b Fus. Mills	0
Extras	4	Extras	4
Total	76	Total	24

"A" COMPANY.

Fus. Standing, c Lt.-Col. Kershaw, b Ar S Sgt. Adams	26
Fus. Noel, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	5
Lce.-Cpl. Bosworth, b Sgt. Skelton	16
Fus. Mills, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	24
Fus. Anderson, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	0
Lieut. Humphreys, c Lieut. Pigott, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	0
C.S.M. Brockelsby, lbw	14
Fus. Clark, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	1
Fus. Rolfe, c O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	0
Cpl. Young, not out	14
Fus. Powell, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	2
Extras	9
Total	111

"A" Company won by an innings and 11 runs.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We have had a glut of hockey during the past month, and every hand is astir in an earnest endeavour to capture the Oakden Cup for the Mess. That we have been very successful in our practice games may be judged from the results I append below. We make special mention of our victory over the local police on their own ground. They are always a very difficult side to beat, and the substantial victory of 4—2 greatly pleased the selection committee and inspired our hopes to greater deeds.

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Then, again, to run the Battalion team to a draw after a real gruelling game, was something more than average merit.

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After these efforts we hope for greater things in the future, and with the assistance of one or two players in the hills might justly dub ourselves "a dangerous side."

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Our chief goal scorers in all matches have been C.S.M. Brockelsby and Sgt. Keith, and may they emulate these feats in the coming tournament.

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HOCKEY RESULTS.

versus	"D" Company	0—0
,,	"A" Company	1—2
,,	Police	4—2
,,	Machine Gunners	4—0
,,	Battalion	1—1

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We have not been behind in Soccer either, and managed to defeat the Machine Gun platoon by 3—2, and force a goalless draw with No. 3 Group of H.Q. Wing (Regimental Employ.).

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Our friends the Sergeants of the 9th Battery R.F.A. entertained us on Sunday, 19th October. Altogether a very enjoyable day was spent in their lines. After defeating them handsomely at cricket, in which the R.S.M. succeeded in taking a wicket, we were entertained to lunch—a sumptuous feast amidst a very dainty setting. We must thank the full nine members of the Battery Mess for their greatly appreciated efforts to make us at home. No one enjoyed it better than the R.S.M.—indeed, his efforts at "Pokie Die," varied and successful, detained him much longer than many other members of the Mess. Perhaps now he has mastered the art of throwing the dice. He has an able supporter in Sgt. Tudor, the caterer, who bursts with knowledge in this direction.

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The following members were in the Battalion cricket side *versus* the Officers, and acquitted themselves well:—C.S.M.'s Beck and Brockelsby, O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson and Sgt. Parkin.

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By the way, who were the two shikaris who went into a deserted jungle looking for big game, and came back empty handed after five days, looking like real "Rip Van Winkle." And there was a deal of rifle testing before the event! Rather expensive!!

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Cricket Match played at Fyzabad on Sunday, 19th October, 1924, between the Sergeants' Mess, 5th Fusiliers, and 9th R.F.A.

R.F.A

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Sgt. Letts, b O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson ..	0	b C/Sgt. Davis	9
Bmdr. Barker, c Ar/S/Sgt. Adams, b O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson	0	c O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson, b Sgt. Parkin	2
Sgt. Dougherty, b Ar/S/Sgt. Adams ..	7	c Ar/S/Sgt. Adams, b Sgt. Parkin	3
Bmdr. Wells, run out	2	st C.S.M. Brockelsby, b Sgt. Parkin	3
Lieut. Shearburn, run out	6	c Sgt. Drummond, b C.S.M. Beck	4
Sgt. Bell, b Ar/S/Sgt. Adams	0	c Sgt. Tudor, b Sgt. Parkin	0
Sgt. Bullas, st C.S.M. Brockelsby, b Ar/S/Sgt. Adams	0	not out	3
Sgt. Feaver, run out	2	c C.S.M. Beck, b C/Sgt. Davis	0
Bmdr. Bollands, not out	5	lbw., b C.S.M Beck	5
Sgt. Dean, b O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson ..	3	c Lce.-Sgt. Wood, b C/Sgt. Willson	0
B.S.M. Keene, b Ar/S/Sgt. Adams ..	1	c O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson, b R.S.M. Johnston ..	2
Extras	1	Extras	4
Total	27	Total	35

SERGEANTS, FIFTH FUSILIERS.

C.S.M. Beck, b Lieut. Shearburn	19
Sgt. Parkin, c Bmdr. Barker, b Bmdr. Wells	28
Sgt. Drummond, b Lieut. Shearburn	11
O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson, lbw, b Sgt. Bullas	21
Ar/S/Sgt. Adams, c Bmdr. Barker, b Lieut. Shearburn	0
R.S.M. Johnston, c Bmdr. Wells, b Sgt. Bullas	4
Sgt. Tudor, b Lieut. Shearburn	1
C/Sgt. Willson, b Sgt. Dougherty	7
C/Sgt. Davis, b Lieut. Shearburn	0
Lce.-Sgt. Wood, b Lieut. Shearburn	0
C.S.M. Brockelsby, not out	12
Extras	16
Total	119

FIFTH'S Sergeants' Mess won by an innings and 57 runs.

EXTRACTS FROM PART II. ORDERS.

EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE.

No. 7720664 W.O.Instr. (Class I., Edin.) M. A. C. Hall, A.E.C. att. 2nd Batt. re-engaged at Fyzabad on 14th August, 1924, for the Army Education Corps, for such period as shall complete 21 years with the Colours.

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No. 7075331 Lce.-Cpl. E. Masterson. Re-engaged at Fyzabad on 17th September, 1924, for the Northumberland Fusiliers, for such term as shall complete 21 years with the Colours.

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No. 4256776 C.Q.M.S. A. G. Moon and No. 4257033 Sgt. A. S. Ingham are permitted to extend their service to complete 12 years with the Colours, under para 228 K.R.'s (1923).

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MARRIED QUARTERS ROLL.

Family of No. 4257172 Lce.-Sgt. G. Couse. Wife and three children disembarked at Bombay from H.T. *Assaye* on 3rd October, 1924. Joined Batt. 5th October, 1924, and placed on Married Quarters Roll with effect from 3rd October, 1924.

HILL DETACHMENT NOTES.

There is little to mention this month except the all-absorbing topic of the weather.

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A record monsoon endeavoured to beat its own record, and commencing on 27th September gave us 2 ft. of rain in a little under three days.

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The results were disastrous. Landslides occurred in every quarter, large sections of the road being carried away, and all traffic completely stopped. The Brewery Hotel, one march from Kathgodam, was entirely buried by a huge landslide, the occupants just escaping with their lives and losing all their belongings.

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We can only feel thankful that other regiments, not our-

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selves, were on the march on this occasion. These unfortunates, soaked to the skin, and without blankets, were separated from their kits for some days, and many lost everything.

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Our own move, postponed twice already, is now due to commence in four days' time, and we hope for a better journey to that of the 1st D.C.L.I., whom, we hear, have just got through after being separated from their transport for most of the journey, and losing some of it over the khud side.

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As if this were not enough, we have now been treated to an earthquake, a sharp shock occuring on the morning of 17th October, fortunately without doing any damage.

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It seems probable that the married families will have to stay up here for some considerable extra time, as the road is unlikely to be safe for lorries for days, if not weeks.

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A "soccer sixes" competition took place earlier in the month: "D" platoon got into the final, being beaten by the band of the 1st D.C.L.I.

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The golf course at Upat is the rendezvous for all of us who can get away on Thursdays and Sundays: it is doubtful whether the quality of the golf is assisted by the lunch.

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Other social activities include teas at Upat and at the club: on a certain super-social occasion there was also a cake, but this is another story.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

SERGEANT J. H. RADFORTH.

On the 14th October, the 2nd Battalion said good-bye to one of its oldest Sergeants, in the person of No. 4256065, Sgt. J. H. Radforth, who left *en route* to the United Kingdom for discharge after a period of 21 years' service in the interest of the Regiment.

It would not be possible to let such an occasion slip by without reference to the service and career of a Fusilier of his stamp, and, in publishing his record, we feel that there is a good deal in it which many old hands will recall with pride, too, and which is in keeping with the fine stamp of men which the Battalion have fostered.

Enlisting at Sheffield on the 21st of May, 1903, he served with the 2nd Battalion at Gravesend and Aldershot, and joined the 3rd Battalion at Bloemfontein in March, 1905. From the 3rd Battalion he was drafted to the 1st Battalion, in October, 1906, and served at Calcutta, Peshawar, Rawal Pindi, Deolali, and Mhow before being transferred to the Home Establishment, where he rejoined the 2nd Battalion in October, 1912.

On return of the 1st Battalion to England in November, 1913, he was posted to the Battalion at Portsmouth, and proceeded to France on the outbreak of war. He remained with the Battalion throughout the hard days of the campaign until the 10th of October, 1915, when he was invalided home and joined the 3rd Battalion at East Boldon.

Returning to France in December, 1916, he saw service with the 14th Battalion, and remained in Flanders until January, 1919. For two years he served with the Field Survey Corps as observer.

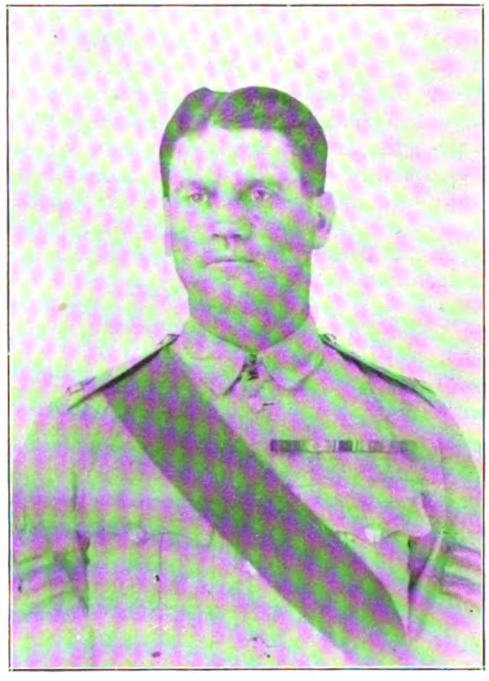
His actions during the Great War included:—Mons, Retreat from Mons, Le Cateau, Aisne, Messines, 1914; Ypres, La Bassee, Hooge, 1915; (Vimy Ridge, attached Canadians), Arras, and the numerous actions during the last great advance.

He is the possessor of the following medals:—Queen's South African with four Bars, 1914 Star, General Service and Victory, and the General Service Iraq.

He came abroad again with the 2nd Battalion in September, 1919, and during most of the time has been employed as Signalling Sergeant Instructor, where his abilities have been markedly demonstrated in the excellent figure of merit, 98.48 per cent., attained by the Signallers who held fourth place out of 43 Battalions classified in the year 1923–1924.

In Regimental Sports he was, in his younger days, a notable figure. As a Rugby player he represented the Company ("D" Coy.) with which his name has so long been associated, and for six consecutive seasons was a member of the team, assisting them to win the Rugby Cup in 1908 at Peshawar.

He was, however, better known for his abilities as a pugilist.



SERGT. J. H. RADFORTH.

In the year 1908, at Cherat, he won the Novices' Light Weight Competition, and was runner up in the Open Lights in the same year. As a Regimental boxer he gained fame when he won the Regimental Middles, and was runner up in the Welters in the same year at Wool, Dorset, 1914.

Previous to joining the Fusiliers, Radforth served in the Manchester Regiment and the 3rd Dragoon Guards.

Radforth was a man who enjoyed life. No Fusilier was ever happier. As an entertainer he was favoured with a unique personality. He was a raconteur of no mean ability, whose many and varied experiences were the subject of most of his stories.

"TALLFELLER."

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I think the most outstanding event of the month was the Farewell Dinner, Social and Dance given in honour of the members leaving us this trooping season—namely, R.S.M. Johnson, C.S.M. Prophet, Sgt. Radforth and A/S/Sgt. Adams, R.A.O.C. The first three are going away on pension after 21 years' service with the Colours, and the last, our worthy "Tiffy," on transfer to the Home Establishment.

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A very able and energetic committee were selected to carry out the onerous duties entrusted to them. The services of the Officers' Mess caterer were enlisted to carry out the dinner, which was a huge success.

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An interesting feature of the table decorations was an illuminated model of that wonderful ship *The Marglen*.

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The toasts of obligation being over, the Chairman, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, rose to propose the toast of " the departing members." He ably expressed the sentiments of the members, laying great stress on the brotherhood of the Services, particularly the Army, and that, when one severed their connection through completion of service, one tried to never lose touch with old comrades.

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He briefly ran over their respective careers, laying stress on the remarkable achievement of the R.S.M. in being a member of the same Mess for 19 years. This was, however, eclipsed by " Ginger," who entered earlier but in a menial capacity.

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The departing members responded very feelingly, the R.S.M. endorsing the sentiments of the Chairman.

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C.S.M. Prophet, in a very few words, spoke of the great wrench it entailed leaving the Regiment where he had spent so many happy years, and made so many great friends.

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The redoubtable " Harry " stated that if Rider Haggard's theory came to pass (Reincarnation), he would again be a Fusilier.

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Our last toast was " The Ladies.' C.S.M. Beck gallantly and with modesty responded. He waxed eloquent on the glories of wedded bliss ?

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We were honoured with the presence of the C.O. and Officers during the Social and Dance.

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PROGRAMME.

1.	Selection by the Orchestra	" The Old and Bold "	
2.	Song	Selected ..	LCE.-CPL. STEVENSON
3.	Song	" Glorious Devon " ..	C.Q.M.S. DAVIS
4.	Waltz	" St. George "	THE ORCHESTRA
5.	Song	" Wana "	SGT. HIGGINS
6.	Song	" Angus MacDonald "	LCE.-CPL. STEVENSON
7.	Fox-trot		THE ORCHESTRA
8.	Song ..	" The Company Sergeant-Major "	C.Q.M.S. DAVIS
9.	Dialogue	" The Babu's Love Letter "	MR. CARTMAN
10.	Fox-trot		THE ORCHESTRA
11.	Song	" The Rosary " ..	LCE.-CPL. STEVENSON
12.	Song	" My Old Shako " ..	C.Q.M.S. DAVIS
13.	Waltz		THE ORCHESTRA

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When the programme became exhausted, to please the ladies we decided to carry on with the dancing.

An item that is not on the programme was feelingly rendered by one of our guests, " Keep your feet still, Geordie Hinny, let's be happy thro' the neet." He was applauded to the echo.

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A glorious ending to a wonderful night was the chairing of the departing members, one guest who is also leaving us, and last, but not least, " Mrs. Bindle "—(you can have three guesses, dear reader).

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Our thanks are extended to Miss McLeod for having so kindly performed the duties of accompanist.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
December, 1924.

Hearty congratulations to our Acting-Adjutant on his promotion. These congratulations are tempered, however, with

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very real regrets that the Depôt will lose his valuable services in the near future. Our loss will be the 1st Battalion's gain, but we cannot help wishing that the War Office had seen its way to leaving him with us to complete his tour and his great work at the Depôt.

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November ushered in a season of functions of various kinds —chiefly to do with Armistice Day. We were asked to find a detachment to attend service at St. George's Church, Jesmond, on the Sunday before Armistice Day, when the Chaplain-General was preaching. This we did, and the following day the Chaplain-General came up to Barracks and delivered a most useful and impressive address to the Garrison.

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We had a visit from our Colonel-in-Chief last month (after the despatch of October notes). He inspected the Depôt most

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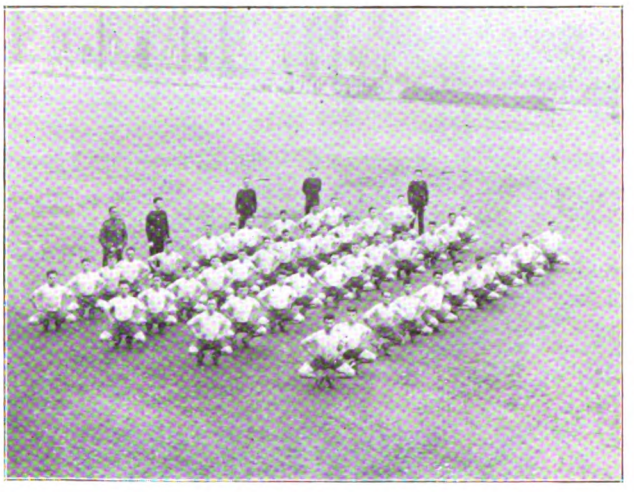
thoroughly, and before his departure expressed himself in enthusiastic strains on the "turn-out," etc. This is all the



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more encouraging, as General Wilkinson has in recent years been continually in touch with us here and has carried out a large number of inspections as G.O.C. Northumbrian Area.

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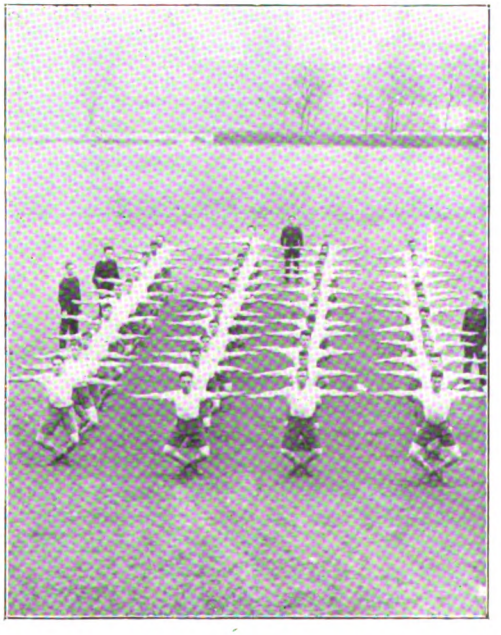
The Soldiers' Home was re-opened recently by Sir Charles Harrington (G.O.C.-in-C.). It has been re-organised and renovated, and under the new conditions should be well patronised by the Depôt. They are giving us a rebate on their



RECRUITS AT "GYM."

takings, and in every way are prepared to make it a success. Sir Charles gave an eloquent address to a large audience.

The writer attended a demonstration organised by Mr. G. V. Charlton to make known the possibilities of the "Northumbrian Pipes." The "Small Pipes" are fairly common in the county, and are more an instrument for dances, etc., and to be used inside the house, but the great pipes were used in bygone days for Military purposes. On hearing a single set playing outside, the writer came to the conclusion that they were most suitable to form a band. Further information was asked for as to cost, etc., and it is hoped to write again on the subject. There is now no band at the Depôt, the establishment being very much reduced, but if a small band of bagpipes could be provided it would perhaps fill a long-felt want.

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Our footboll team are carrying all before them in so far as the Tyneside Wednesday League is concerned (results appear elsewhere), but on going to Richmond to play the second round of the Northern Command Recruits Cup, our Recruits team had to admit defeat by the 19th Depôt, owing to chiefly inability to shoot goals, they losing the round by 1—0.

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The Semi-Finals and Finals of the Garrison Recruits' Boxing

WINNERS OF THE DEPOT BOXING SHIELD, 1924.

Competition was held in the Garrison Gymnasium on the night of 5th November, 1924.

The result, which is as follows, speaks for itself:—

112 *lbs. to* 120 *lbs.*

Fus. Thompson *versus* Pte. Morris	Fus. Thompson	Fus. Thompson
Fus. Norton *versus* Drv. Underhill	Drv. Underhill, R.A.	

120 *lbs. to* 130 *lbs.*

Fus. Tobin *versus* Pte. Million	Pte. Million	Pte. Million after an extra round
Fus. McKinley *versus* Drv. Tooke	Fus. McKinley	

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130 *lbs. to* 140 *lbs.*

Drv. Silk, R.A. Drv. French, R.A.	Both retired	Pte. Cowell
Drv. Bradshaw *versus* Pte. Cowell	Pte. Cowell	
Fus. Stockton *versus* Pte. Jones	Fus. Stockton	Fus. Stockton
Fus. Laverick *versus* Pte. Hutchinson	Fus. Laverick	

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Final points gained by each Unit in the Competition :—

Depôt, 5th Fusiliers	63
Depôt, Durham Light Infantry	52
Depôt, Royal Artillery	42

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The photograph of the winning Squad is published elsewhere in the *Gazette*.

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The Depôt Football Team has somewhat distinguished itself of late in the Tyneside Wednesday League, the results to date being as follows :—

Team.	Goals. For.	Against.
Northern General Transport	2	1
Blaydon Co-op.	3	2
Bevan Athletic	7	0
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Meat Traders Association	3	1
Depôt, Durham L.I.	2	0
North. General Motor Company ..	5	0
Newcastle-on-Tyne Tramways ..	4	0
Newcastle-on-Tyne Co.-op. Reserves ..	9	0
Newcastle-on-Tyne Tramways ..	3	2
Blaydon Co.-op.	2	2
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Private Brydon, an old FIFTH veteran from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, is a guest of the Depôt until 3rd December next. He wears the Afghan Medal, and is making himself quite at home with us.

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A draft of 24 Other Ranks joined us on the 25th from the 1st Battalion for discharge and premature transfer to reserve, and were dispersed same date.

A further draft of 85 arrived from the 2nd Battalion on 12th for discharge and transfer to reserve, and were likewise sent home same date.

A further draft *ex* the *City of Marseilles* is due to join the Depôt on or about 26th November, 1924.

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Cpl. Cotterill has been discharged the Service, having been found medically unfit, and we extend our best wishes to him in civil life.

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Cpl. Forrester, Fusrs. Nicholson and Richardson joined us on 29th October, 1924, for a tour of duty at the Depôt.

Sergt. Clatworthy was discharged the Service 17/10/24, having been found medically unfit for further service.

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Promotions and appointments have been made as follows :—

Cpl. D'Orey to be paid Lce.-Sgt. 27/4/24 ; to be Sergeant, 15/9/24.

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Cpl. Cotterill and Cpl. Ross promoted Corporals from 3/10/24.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,
23rd November, 1924.

Winter Training has commenced with Courses for N.C.O.'s at the Regimental Depôt. This year these courses are of a fortnight's duration, so that they should prove to be of even greater value than the shorter courses which were held last year. The following N.C.O.'s have so far attended :—

Lewis Gun Course.—No. 4260632 Cpl. J. Renwick, "Z" Coy. ; No. 4260412 Cpl. T. Robinson, "X" Coy. ; No. 4261829 Cpl. J. Fotheringham, "X" Coy. ; No. 4258891 Sgt. M. Warner, "X" Coy. ; No. 4793946 Cpl. G. Simpson, "X" Coy. ; No. 4262932 Cpl. J. Calligan, "W" Coy.

Rifle Course.—No. 4259755 Lce.-Sgt. T. Stamp, "X" Coy. ; No. 4262932 Cpl. J. Calligan, "W" Coy. ; No. 4259256 Cpl. L. Lockhart, H.Q. Wing ; No. 4258957 Cpl. S. Towler, "Y" Coy. ; No. 4262135 Cpl. G. W. Grant, "Z" Coy.

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The programme for Winter Training up to the 31st March has been approved and will include, in addition to the Depôt Courses :—

(*a*) Company Classes, commencing in January.
(*b*) Lectures in Newcastle and at the various Company Drill Halls.
(*c*) A Battalion Tactical Exercise for Officers at Harrogate on 6th and 7th December.

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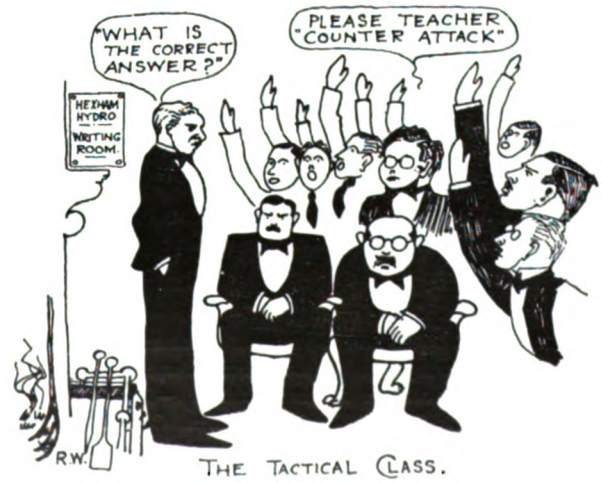
On 15th and 16th November a Tactical Exercise for Officers, organised by Brigade Headquarters, for the 4th and 7th Battalions, took place at Hexham. The following officers were present :—Lt.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C. ; Bt.-Major and Adjt.



THE TACTICAL CLASS.

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K. G. Williams, O.B.E. ; Capt. G. L. Bradley ; Capt. R. Wood ; Capt. F. B. Clarke ; Capt. B. Peacock, M.C. ; Lieut. W. M. Gibson, M.C. ; Lieut. J. W. McL. Anderson ; 2nd Lieut. A. McLellan ; 2nd Lieut. J. M. Todd, D.F.C.

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The Exercise, which was identical with that recently set for the practical examination of Regular Officers for promotion from Lieutenant to Captain, proved to be extremely interesting and instructive. It was conducted by the Brigadier, Colonel H. S. Morant, D.S.O., assisted by Lt.-Cols. Wright and Gibson, amd Majors Chenevix-Trench and Williams. Major W. Anderson, D.S.O., also attended as Staff Officer to the Brigadier. Accommodation was provided at the Hexham Hydro. We were favoured with fine weather, and the Battalion is to be congratulated upon the fact that all available officers took part in the Exercise.

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It has been decided to hold a Battalion Rifle Meeting next year at Ponteland, in place of the Company Rifle Meetings. This will be carried out at a Week-end Camp. A very fine silver Cup has been acquired which will be held for one year by the W.O., N.C.O., or Fusilier making the best score at the Battalion Meeting. This Cup will be known as "The Ponteland Challenge Cup." In addition to this and other Challenge Trophies it is hoped to have a really good lot of prizes to be competed for at the meeting.

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Capt. Peacock completed his Course in Administration at the Regimental Depôt on 15th November. This officer has assumed command of "W" Company. The writer congratulates him on behalf of all ranks on his promotion.

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Armistice Day was commemorated by Church Parades of the various Detachments on Sunday, 9th November. At Newburn a wreath was laid on the War Memorial by a detachment of the Battalion. At Hexham a wreath was placed on the Memorial Gate in the Abbey Grounds on the Sunday morning. At 11 a.m. on Armistice Day, Sgt. Drummer Webster, with three Drummers, sounded the "Last Post" from the turret of the old Abbey, and two minutes later the Drummers sounded "The Reveille." The ceremony was most impressive, and as 11th November was "Hirings Day" at Hexham, a very large and representative crowd were present in the Market Square to pay homage to our fallen comrades.

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The Haltwhistle Detachment Ball, an account of which appears in the Haltwhistle Detachment Notes, was, if possible, even a greater success than last year—which is saying a very great deal.

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The Annual W.O.'s and Sergeants' Dinner took place at Prudhoe on Saturday, 22nd November. Amongst the guests were the following officers of the Battalion :—Lt.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C. ; Bt.-Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E. ; Captains Wood, Clarke, Peacock and Watson ; Lieutenants Gibson and McLellan. A thoroughly enjoyable evening ensued, and a presentation of a very handsome gold watch was made to R.S.M. Wodehouse, besides a gold wristlet watch for Mrs. Wodehouse.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

On Sunday, 9th November, we held a Church Parade and marched to Newburn Parish Church for our annual Armistice Memorial Service. Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E., attended and commanded the parade. Other officers present were :—Capt. R. Wood, Lieut. W. M. Gibson, M.G., 2nd Lieut. A. McLellan and 2nd Lieut. J. M. Todd, D.F.C. After leaving the Church, the parade marched to the War Memorial, where the Vicar of Newburn officiated at a short service. Sgt. Turner laid a wreath on the Memorial on behalf of the Detachment. Thanks are due to the Band and Drums for their strong turn-out. The number of Fusiliers on parade was considerably smaller than usual, and we would impress upon them the urgent necessity of a better attendance at this dutiful ceremony.

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We all received invitations to the Haltwhistle Sergeants' Ball, which was held on the 7th November, but unfortunately none of us could go.

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Capt. B. Peacock, M.C., has taken over command of "W" Coy. We congratulate him on the advent of his 3rd "Pip." He has been on a month's course at the Depôt, but his activities thereat retain a great atmosphere of mystery.

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On Saturday and Sunday, 15th and 16th November, Capts. R. Wood and B. Peacock, Lieut. W. M. Gibson, and 2nd Lieut. A. McLellan participated in a tactical scheme at Hexham. They learnt that :—(*a*) though political parties may split machine gun sub-sections never ; (*b*) in the future a company commander's outfit ought to consist of (1) horse, (2) aeroplane, (3) pair of stilts, (4) wire cutters, and (5) chloride of lime.

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We are looking forward to the Battalion Sergeants' Mess Dinner, to be held at Prudhoe Drill Hall on Saturday, 22nd November.

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Winter Training Courses will be held at the Drill Hall for "Platoon and Section Leaders," "L.G. Section Commanders," and "Lewis Gunners," commencing early in January, and we hope that the courses will finish up in the new Drill Hall.

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On Sunday, 16th November, a Church Parade was held at Scotswood. There was a very small turn out, and the remarks above apply.

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The Newburn Detachment branch of the Captains' Confederation has held its second monthly meeting. One of the members read a paper on the "Peep Sight," which is printed herewith :—

"The principle of the peep sight is a very old one, and dates back to the time when the ancient Britons used to project stones from slings. In those days when a man used his sling he usually placed his feet after the manner of the present "On Guard" position, with his left big toe in alignment with the target, and the direction finally checked by stretching his left arm straight out in front of him and looking along the top of his second finger, which was also aligned with his left big toe. Later in history the Archer held his bow and arrow so that the tip of the feather and the top of the arrow head were in alignment with the highest central portion of the target. When the first guns or muskets were brought into use, aiming was largely a matter of guesswork, probably due to the varying strength

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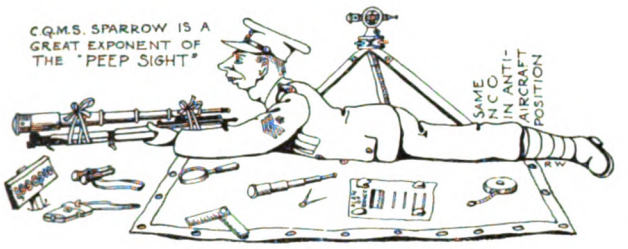
of the powder charges, but a degree of perfection was obtained by constant practice. It was about this period that the first



peep sight was invented, which came about in this manner. A sergeant in the Militia experienced great difficulty in levelling his musket so as to hit a target. In private life he was a heavy striker to a needle point manufacturer—which art, by the way, long ago gave way to more modern and mechanical methods. The sergeant was not always careful in his work, and sometimes a great many needles were spoilt or broken, in which case they were sold as gramophone needles. For many years this n.c.o. had not been able to score on the range in order to qualify for his musketry 10s. bounty. In exasperation one day he evolved the idea of sticking a needle into his musket and looking through the eye. This was successful, and he therefore earned an annual 10s. more. After this success, the Quartermaster-General bought a large number of Sheffield steel needles, wrapped up in bundles of 10, and incidentally owing to these large orders, gramophone needles were a prohibitive price for many years. At the present time peep sights have magnifying lenses and are so perfected that some people spitefully allege that cups and shields can be won by semi-blind men. The illustration shows the Ladies' Trophy and Gold Medal being won with the help of various modern forms of peep sights and appurtenances."

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

We have appreciated the comparative inactivity since our Annual Camp very much. The only events that have really reminded us of our military status have been three in number :—(1) the payment of the bounties ; (2) our Annual Dance ; and (3) a Tactical Exercise with the 7th Battalion at Hexham.

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The first of these passed off more successfully than usual, and with the exception of a few easily answered questions nothing happened to mar the evening.

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I believe the Sergeants' Mess had quite a happy evening, but what else could be expected ?

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The Annual Dance was again a success, and I believe it has now established itself as the premier one in the district. We were pleased to welcome the following guests, amongst others :—Lieut.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., 2nd in Command ; Major Greville Williams, O.B.E., Adjutant ; Col. J. M. Clarke, late 4th N.F. ; Mr. E. R. Joicey, M.C., 9th Lancers ; Mr. T. A. Herdman, 5th N.F. ; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pritchard, Newcastle ; Mr. R. Pritchard, Melkridge ; Miss Bates, Langley Castle. We regret the absence of our C.O., who was away from home, and also wish more of the other Officers of the Battalion could have been present. The dance itself apparently pleased all those who attended, and a cutting from the local paper probably best describes it in detail :—

TERRITORIAL BALL.

The annual Territorial Ball, given by the Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the local detachment of the 4th Northumberland Fusiliers, was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The gorgeous gowns of the ladies and the stately uniforms worn by gentlemen representing various units of His Majesty's Forces, created a colour scheme which is rarely equalled. Messrs. Lightfoot's Orchestra greatly contributed to the success of the evening. Those present would number about 180. The supper arrangements were in the capable hands of Messrs. J. R. Birkett and Sons. Capt. A. B. Hare and C.S.M. Pears acted as M.C.'s.

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We regret we were unable to be present at the Hexham Tactical Exercise, but accidents will occur in the best regulated shoots—so that's that ! as the R.S.M. would say.

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We all deeply regret the departure of Capt. Charlewood, and at the same time sympathise with him. We quite well know what his feelings will be when he hears and reads of us on our way to Brighton about June next year. We can only hope that he will not forget altogether that he was once one of us, and will not fail to look us up whenever he can.

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The prospect of a camp on the South Coast is very alluring, and if our Company is not up to full strength before then we shall be very disappointed indeed. If anything will get recruits surely Brighton will !

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Several of our N.C.O.'s are either at, or have been at, or are going to the Depôt for the usual Winter Courses. We hope they will receive the usual benefit therefrom, and be all the better N.C.O.'s for it.

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In view of the fact that this will be the last *Gazette* published before Christmas, we herewith wish all our friends in our own and in other units our best wishes for a real good Christmas and a happy New Year.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

On 7th November certain of our W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s, with their ladies, attended "Y" Company's Annual Ball. They report a very enjoyable evening, but also say that the "Champion Company" has joined the R.A.T.A. Whether this is correct or not we cannot say, but no doubt it will be confirmed or not (as the case may be) at the Sergeants' Dinner in our Drill Hall to-morrow night.

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At the present we are trying to think of a suitable reply to Newburn's notes in the October issue. Unfortunately at the moment we must assume the role of "strong silent men."

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Congratulations to C.S.M. West on his promotion to the rank of W.O. Class II. (acting).

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5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

"Things are not always what they seem," and although there is no great atmosphere of intensive training to be noticed, as there never is at this season of the year, nevertheless quite a lot of quiet "digging" is going on.

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Depôt Courses have begun once again; the 2nd-in-Command has gone to the East Coast on a mysterious duty lasting some weeks—said to be connected with "landings," but what is being, or going to be, landed is where the mystery lies; but many hundreds of trawlers have been noticed off Yarmouth lately. The senior Company Commander also left the fold during the month and visited Birmingham, but whether his visit had any connection with "B.S.A." is unknown, and yet even if it were known we should still be in a quandary as to whether it was small arms or motor cycles he was interested in, but we hope the former, of course.

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The Adjutant is rumoured to be engaged day and night on a work of art dealing with week-end wars at Chollerford, and as there is a Battalion Tactical Exercise at this famous resort on the 22nd and 23rd of November, doubtless we shall have some results of his labours foisted upon us, on these dates.

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2nd-Lieut. Ashworth sat for his Certificate "A" at Durham on the 21st October, and Newcastle on the 10th November; we feel sure he has easily beaten the examiners.

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2nd-Lieut. H. H. Davidson has joined us, and we extend to him a hearty welcome. He underwent his initial course at the Depôt this month; what his first impressions of the Army are is not yet known, but there are plenty of other impressions awaiting him in due course.

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Lieuts. T. A. Johnson and T. A. Herdman passed a 60-hours' Musketry Course at the Depôt last month, and what they don't know about the rifle and light automatic isn't worth knowing—their ordinary conversation is interlarded with such strange phrases as "body locking pin," "gas chamber," "feel, rotate, pull back," which "to them what don't know" conveys the impression that they are connected with some secret society with tendencies to torture.

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Sergt. Wood (P.S.) and Sergt. Robson have been to Netheravon on a machine gun course, so that the Machine Gun Platoon ought to increase very considerably in efficiency next year.

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Sergt. MacNally is on a Transport Course at Woolwich, and we are sending six W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s to the Depôt every fortnight.

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It will be seen by all the above activities, there is quite a deal going on in a quiet sort of way.

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The Commanding Officer and the Adjutant attended a Divisional Staff Ride last month at Harrogate, which appeared to last well into the two nights they were there. The writer has often thought that, generally speaking, night operations have been somewhat neglected, but he has never noticed this neglect in this Battalion.

We have entered a team for the Territorial Army Association Football Cup, and have successfully disposed of the 6th Batt. Northd. Fusiliers and the 72nd Brigade R.F.A., the former by 4 goals to 3, the latter by 5 goals to 0. We next play the 6th Batt. Durham Light Infantry.

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On the 31st October we held our Annual Prize Giving, at the Drill Hall, Walker-on-Tyne, followed by a Dance. The prizes were presented by our Commanding Officer's wife, Mrs. Irwin, whose charm of manner, in spite of being spurred by the Adjutant in the foot, was delightful. Unfortunately, the bouquet that it was intended to present to her, and which everybody was going to order, was ordered by nobody, but we have not forgotten. The whole evening was otherwise most enjoyable. Amongst those who attended were:—Col. and Mrs. MacDonald, Col. and Mrs. Gordon Luhrs, Capts. Morrison and Johnson, Miss Tate, Mrs. Grinling and party, Capt. the Rev. and Mrs. Hounsfield.

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The prize winners were:—

RECRUITS' CUP.

		Score
1st Prize	4263424 Fus. L. Cook, "A" Coy., Cup and 20/- ..	16
2nd & 3rd Prize	2/Lieut. J. R. Ashworth, "D" Coy. }	15
	4263646 Fus. G. Bias, "B" Coy. } Divide 25/-	15
	4263365 Fus. T. R. Gibson, "B" Coy. }	15
4th Prize	4263368 Fus. J. Simpson, "A" Coy., 7/6	14
5th, 6th & 7th Prize	4263325 Fus. J. Wilson, "A" Coy. } Divide 12/6	12
	4263678 Fus. C. Neil, "C" Coy. } and prize	12
	4263487 Fus. A. Gibson, "C" Coy. } added by C.O.	12

OLD SOLDIERS' CUP.

1st & 2nd Prize	.. 4262877 Cpl. J. I. Conlon, "B" Coy., } the Cup and	19
	.. 4258991 Fus. W. Wilson, "C" Coy. } divide 35/-	19
3rd Prize	3701754 C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson, "C" Coy., 7/6 ..	18

SERGEANTS' SOUTH AFRICAN CUP.

1st Prize	C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson, "D" Coy., Cup and 25/- ..	15
2nd Prize ..	C.S.M. W. E. Martin, "D" Coy., 17/6	14
3rd Prize	C.S.M. E. Coppick, "A" Coy., 12/6	13
4th Prize ..	Sgt. J. Cross, "D" Coy. } Divide 7/6 and prize	12
	Sgt. A. Black, H.Q. Coy. } added by C.O.	12
	L/Sgt. J. Wallace, "A" Coy. }	12

BATTALION CHALLENGE SHELL.

1st Prize	C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson, "D" Coy., Shell and 40/- ..	60
2nd Prize	Sgt. J. Robson, "A" Coy., 25/-	57
3rd Prize and 4th Prize	Capt. H. G. Dodds, "B" Coy. }	56
	Lieut. T. A. Herdman, "C" Coy. }	56
	Lieut. G. M. I. Stanley, "B" Coy. } Divide 35/-	56
	C.Q.M.S. W. H. Bond, "A" Coy. }	56
	Fus. W. Wilson, "C" Coy. }	56
5th & 6th Prize	.. Lce.-Sgt. C. J. Feeney, "D" Coy. } Divide 15/-	55
	.. Fus. J. Brooks, H.Q. Coy. }	55

RAPID FIRING CUP.

1st & 2nd Prize	.. Sgt. J. Cross, "D" Coy. } Cup and divides	15
	.. Cpl. A. Hartford, "D" Coy. } 45/-	15
3rd, 4th & 5th Prize	.. C.S.M. W. E. Martin, "D" Coy. }	14
	.. C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson, "D" Coy. } Divide 32/6	14
	Lce.-Sgt. C. J. Feeney, "D" Coy. }	14

REID'S SECTIONAL CHALLENGE CUP.

Prize won by "A" Company Team: Prize, Cup and 7/6 each competitor of winning team, as below:—

Captain N. Heslop, C.S.M. Coppick, C.Q.M.S. Bond, Sgt. J. Robson, Sgt. Anderson, Cpl. Miller, Fus. Aitkin, Lce.-Cpl. Archbold. Score 119

FIELD FIRING CUP.

1st Prize won by Headquarter Company Team. Prize: Cup and 10/- each man, as below:—

Captain T. S. Carlile, Sgt. A. Black, Sgt. McNally, Fus. J. Brooks and Fus. Archbold.

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2nd Prize won by "D" Company, as runners up team. Prize: 5/- each man, as below:—

Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., C.S.M. W. E. Martin, C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson, Sgt. Cross and Lce.-Sgt. C. J. Feeney.

LONG DISTANCE CUP.

			Score
1st Prize	Fus. J. Brooks, H.Q. Coy., Cup and 25/-		34
2nd & 3rd Prize	Lce.-Sgt. C. J. Feeney, "D" Coy.	Divide 30/-	31
	Cpl. J. R. Dinning, "B" Coy.		31
4th Prize	Lieut. T. A. Herdman, "C" Coy.		30
	Cpl. T. Miller, "B" Coy., 7/6		29

PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS' COMPETITION.

1st Prize	Fus. J. Brooks, H.Q. Coy., 20/-		34
2nd Prize	Ex-Fus. J. Drummond, 12/6		33
3rd Prize	R.S.M. M. Mellors, "P.S.," 7/6		32

OFFICERS' SHOOTING CUP.

Winner—Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse (Adjutant). Runner up—Lieut. G. M. I. Stanley.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Since our last notes the Mess has entered upon its winter activities. Several members have attended courses at the Depôt, whilst three of our specialists have journeyed to courses further afield, in the quest and acquirement of knowledge.

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Our members of the Accountant branch have been much in request lately, being heavily inundated with enquiries from all and sundry as to when the bounty (oft referred to as "Derby County") would be disbursed. Some even expect the "quarter-bloke" to dive down his pockets and pay it there and then. I am afraid the motto, "Hope long deferred maketh the heart sick" is much in evidence at the moment. However, two of the aforesaid much maligned accountants are now able to sleep peacefully at nights, they having successfully overcome the wiles and defences of the much catechised man, the R.P.

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Now we will turn to the social side of our activities. We had a visit from our worthy friends of the 6th Battalion on Thursday, 30th October, and we had to admit defeat in the Billiards, Whist, Crib and Dominoes; our friends would only furnish one team for the national game of "phat," or perhaps we may have somewhat equalised the successes of our opponents. However, a very pleasant evening was spent, and our members are looking forward to the return visit, which takes place early in the New Year, when, perhaps, owing to the near proximity of the goose season, we may get more "phat."

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We have entered upon our fixtures in the Sergeants' Association Leagues, having already met the *Helicon* at Walker, and our old friends of the R.A.M.C. at Hutton Terrace. We were successful in beating H.M.S. *Helicon* both in Shooting and Whist. We also beat the R.A.M.C. at Whist, but they well "caned our knees" on the green cloth, and there was a request for stretchers to convey our crestfallen team back to England. None of our team are serious challengers of Willie Smith, and perhaps our team were all at sea on the smaller table. However, our opponents have to come to Walker yet, and "revenge is sweet."

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Ere these notes are in print we pay a visit to the kipper merchants of Shields (Tyne E.E.), and this visit will, thank heaven! provide a topic for our next notes.

In the Divisional Football Cup the Battalion team have been successful in getting to the second round. Our members are very pleased at the success of the team over our friends of the 6th Battalion, and I am afraid very little time will be lost in having a big crow over the 6th. On the whole it was a good performance on the part of our team.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON TYNE,
30th November, 1924.

Since our last notes very little of interest has occurred in this Battalion.

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Last month our C.O. 2nd Command and Adjutant attended a Divisional Staff Ride at Harrogate, which was interesting from the tactical point of view, and also was much appreciated, as it gave us an opportunity of renewing old friendships with the Commanding Officers of the various other Battalions and Units in the Division. We understand these staff rides are likely to be an annual occurrence.

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The Officers' Golf Competition took place at Hexham last month, and we congratulate Capt. F. C. Clayton, M.C., on winning the Cup for the first time. The golf throughout was hardly brilliant, but the outing was most enjoyable.

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As we go to Press, the Battalion War Memorial is to be unveiled by Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B. (Colonel of the Regiment), and full details will be given in next month's notes.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

In the last three issues of the *Gazette* our notes have been conspicuous by their absence, and many complaints of the usual Army type have reached the ears of the scribe whose lot it is to record our doings. It is with apologies to all concerned that these notes again make their appearance.

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Well, much has happened since our last notes appeared; it it only when we look back to such events that we realise how time flies.

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The Annual Picnic was held on August Bank Holiday, and the chosen spot was Seaton Sluice.

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We were favoured by the gods, the weather was really beautiful, and everything that could be desired. There was a crowd of well over 150, made up of members, their wives and families, journeyed from West Jesmond Station. Arriving at Monkseaton we were met by the Secretary of the Picnic Committee, Sgt. Peak, who had made all arrangements for the hire of two large charabancs to convey the party to Seaton Sluice. The first one duly arrived, was loaded up and departed, but the second one had evidently met with some trouble, for we had to await the return of bus No. 1 before we all eventually reached our destination.

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The "Spirit of Carnival" was there in full force, paper hats and streamers adorned the heads of both old and young.

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The children were naturally in their element paddling and

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making those pot-pies that are never eaten. We had races in the afternoon, creating, as these events do, no end of fun. After tea Mrs. Cable, wife of ex-Col.-Sgt. Cable, presented the prizes to those who were successful in the races.

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Our headquarters was the Astley Arms, where both lunch and tea was provided. The fare was of an excellent quality and there was "no complaints."

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We returned about 9.30 p.m., after a day that was unanimously voted as the best picnic we ever had.

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Our appreciation was duly shown to the committee, who had worked so hard to make the day such a splendid success.

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BILLIARDS.

Billiards in our Mess is a great attraction, and many enthusiasts of this game find pleasure in friendly bouts with other Messes in the area covered by the Northumberland and Durham Sergeants' Association. On 4th October we visited the Mess of the Northumberland Brigade of R.E.'s, and had the pleasure of returning home triumphant to the tune of 81 points. This was a feather in our cap, for on the last few occasions the R.E.'s have always proved the victors.

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The 18th October found us at the R.A.M.C. Mess, where we were again successful, winning by 85 points.

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The most exciting match of the evening was played between R.S.M. Croft, R.A.M.C., and C.S.M. Robinson, of our Mess, only one point deciding the issue, though the early part of the game pointed to a comfortable win for C.S.M. Robinson, but favoured by the God of Luck, the R.S.M. managed to make a break of 33 just when his opponent was within *eight of game.*

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Since the end of the war we have never had the privilege of playing our friends, the 9th D.L.I., but we had them with us on the 28th October, and spent an enjoyable evening.

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We were again successful, taking the honours by 86 points.

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It will be noticed that our total winning points up to date (*viz.*, 81, 85 and 86) numbered "252," and as this conjures up in our minds a certain Army form not by any means popular, but nevertheless necessary, perhaps our lot may not lie in pleasant places when we pay a visit to the 5th N.F. on the 30th October.

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The N. and D. Sergeants' Association have inaugurated a Billiards League, so we more or less look forward with interest to the doings of our selected teams in this League. Our first contest is on 15th November, when we meet the Tyne R.E.'S at Cliffords Fort.

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WHISPERS WE HAVE HEARD.

That the R.Q.M.S. intends taking up Billiards as a profession.

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That S/Sgt.-Major Mac is in the final of the current billiard handicap, and also on the committee. There should have been a "Ryott" at the finish.

The peculiarities of many of our members when indulging in "knocking the ivories" is the cause of much comment. One cannot give of his best unless adorned in his "hat," another unless bedecked with an Army shirt. Others adopt attitudes that would make Smith and Inman weep for shame. "Hand placed on the hip" seems to meet the temperament of one budding (?) billiardite. The gentle stroking of the back of the head, the steadying of the chalk string, and the periodical cleaning of spectacles are part and parcel of another champion's efforts. Many other peculiarities could be brought to light, but the general one of changing horses—we mean cues—always more or less denoted that the wind has changed.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
24th November, 1924.

As usual about the period of the celebration of the Armistice, there have been quite a number of social engagements, parades, etc.

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Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson presided at the Annual Dinner of the 149th Infantry Brigade at Newcastle, on 24th October, when past and present members of the Battalion who attended were:—Bt.-Col. Wright, Lt.-Col. Liddell, Majors Smail and Merivale, Capts. E. C. Fenwick-Clennell, E. Nixon and E. H. Watson.

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On the eve of the Armistice the 149th Brigade Machine Gunners had their Annual Re-union Supper in the Sergeants' Mess, Berwick. Ex-R.S.M. Swanson, D.C.M., presided over a company of over twenty, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. During the evening Capt. McCreath proposed the toast of "The 149th Machine Gun Company," and Sgt. C. Mace replied. The healths of former Machine Gun officers—Major Smail, Capts. Cowen and Turnbull—were also enthusiastically received during the evening. Contributions to a capital programme included the Chairman, Sgt.-Instr. Loder, Sgt. Knox, M.M., Cpl. Weatherburn, Messrs. Cowe, Short, Skelly, Renwick, Cooney, Bradford, T. Gardiner, Lieut. Huffam, Capts. Maclagan, McCreath, Cowen and Major Smail.

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At the Annual Dinner of Berwick 1914–18 Officers' Club on Armistice night, Col. H. S. S. Morant, D.S.O., was the principal guest. Other officers who attended, now or in those days connected with the Battalion, were Col. Wright, Lt.-Col. Mackay, Major Smail, Capts. Crow, Mackay, McCreath, Maclagan, Watson, Gregson and Lieut. Huffam. An old 5th Fusilier in Brig.-General Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O., was also present.

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On Armistice Sunday there was a big parade at Morpeth, at which Capt. Cowen was in command of "A" Company. The special preacher for the day was the Rev. H. G. H. Shaddick, C.F. (50th Division). The Band, under Bandmaster M. Moore, was in attendance and accompanied the hymns. A parade to the Cenotaph followed, and on it Col. Wright laid a wreath.

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Most of the Officers who attended that service went on to Ashington in the afternoon to attend the opening of a new wing to the Hospital and unveiling of memorial tablets by the Duke of Northumberland. "B" Company, under Capt. Watson,

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turned out in strength, and also a contingent of the Northumberland Hussars, under Major Eustace Smith. The playing of the Battalion Band added much to the impressiveness of the service. Capt. W. N. Craigs, M.C., late 7th Battalion, presided at the ceremony as Chairman of the Memorial Committee, and Cols. Wright and Liddell, Major Smail, Capts. Cowen, Appleby, McCreath, and Lieut. Ledgerwood attended to honour Ashington's departed brave. Here also a wreath was placed below the panels on behalf of "B" Company.

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There was a good beat-up of ex-members at the Annual Dinner of the Belford Branch, British Legion, on the 14th November. Lt.-Col. G. F. T. Leather was in the chair, and the guests were Major Smail and Capt. P. C. Swan.

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Yet another enjoyable function took place at Ashington on Friday, 21st November, when "B" Company held its Annual Dinner in the Portland Arms Hotel. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance, over which Capt. Watson presided. There was much applause when the Commanding Officer informed the gathering that the Brigadier had informed him that the 7th was the best shooting Battalion in the county. The idea of having week-end camps at Moorlaws, instead of having to go to Ponteland, was also a popular announcement. Col. Wright expressed regret at the closing of Morpeth range, but said he trusted that the efficiency of the unit would not be affected thereby. Capt. Watson surveyed the past year as far as the Company was concerned. They were 101 strong, and had all the necessary recruits to bring them up to their establishment of 116, these having been on a waiting list for some time. They had won the Lambton Cup, and were out to encourage young shots. He proposed the health of the Commanding Officer, and this was honoured with cheers.

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The toast of the guests was replied to by Lt.-Col. Liddell and Major Milburn. The former took the opportunity of announcing that the 7th Battalion's History would be published early next year, that it would be a unique volume, embodying letters written home by people in the trenches. He urged old and young hands to obtain a copy to learn how the traditions of the Battalion had been built up. Ex-C.Q.M.S. Cutter also replied and received an ovation. Among other old soldiers present with him were ex-Sgt. McLeod, D.C.M., and ex-Cpl. Johnson, D.C.M.

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The toast of the Permanent Staff was fittingly proposed by C.S.M. Ritchell, and Sgt.-Instrs. Cole and Timbers made characteristic replies. The latter was the recipient of a pipe in case, a small acknowledgment of services rendered in training the Lambton Cup team. Contributors to the programme included Major Smail, Sgt.-Instr. Timbers, Fusrs. Wood and Potts, M.M.

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Several N.C.O.'s have been attending courses in Lewis Gunnery at the Depôt, and Sgt.-Instrs. Loder and Timbers proceeded to attend the course at the School of Musketry, Hythe, which commenced on the 24th instant.

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Col. Wright, Capts. McCreath and Mackay were present at the Brigade Tactical Exercise at Hexham on 15th and 16th November.

Editorial Notes.

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SECOND ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER.

(By T.S.).

In order to write an adequate report of an occasion so regimentally important as the Annual Re-Union Dinner of the Old Comrades' Association, which took place on the 11th November, I turned for inspiration to the etymological significance of the word "comrade." Alas! I found but cold comfort, for what is there that is inspiring in the bald statement that comrade means a companion, or mate, or that comradeship is derived from the Spanish word "camarada," which, though phonetically reminiscent of the late war, only means a chamberful! No help from the Oxford Dictionary: that was plain. But wait a minute. The very coldness of the etymological definition drove my thoughts to other channels, and there flashed through my grey matter two expressions, made famous recently by our leading Politicians—"atmosphere" and "gesture." Yes, that was it. Comradeship is an atmoshpere of mateyness, and this dinner is a gesture made to the outside world to indicate that such an atmosphere is so thick in the life of a regiment

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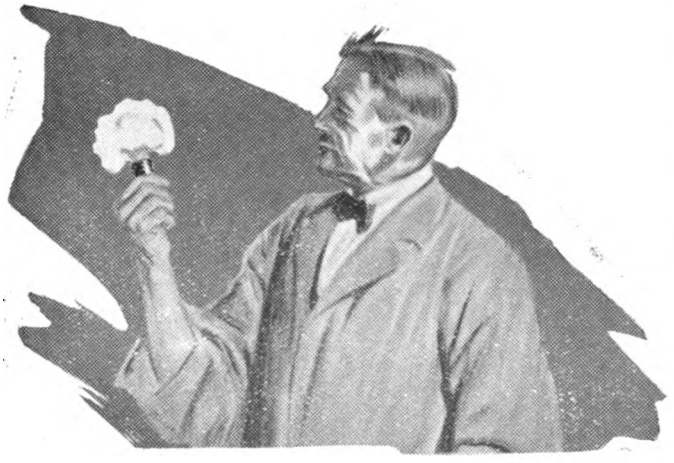

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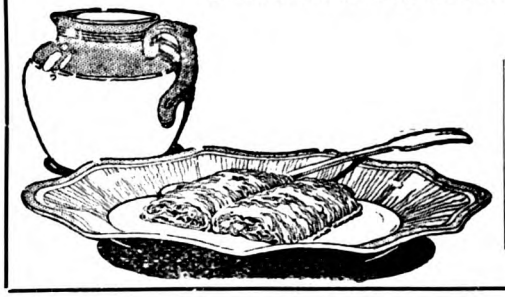

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like the Old and Bold, that it clings to the 5th Fusilier long after he has been wafted away from its immediate environment. It is a warm, genial atmosphere, too. Even the memory of the unfriendly appearance of the guard-room clink, or the Orderly-room mat was softened by the fact that old "Nobby" or "Sam," or whoever it was, had once more been one too many for us. Bless his heart, he had been our comrade anyway, and would be again. A different sort of comrade, too, to the fellow in the red tie who, from his point of vantage on the old soap box, urges his listeners, whom he calls "comrades," to "do in the blarsted parasites and nobble their packet." He merely prostitutes the word, and the "comrades" would find hat the matey atmosphere would rapidly vanish when the

OLD COMRADES' DINNER

dirty work was done, and the time came for the share out ! !

(*Look here, what has all this got to do with a report on the dinner? I don't want an essay. I want a report* !—ED. *St. G.G. All right, all right, I'm coming to it now.*—T.S.)

So here we are, or rather there we were, 70 of us—men, women and children. Yes, children—budding Fusiliers, I have no doubt, brought there to get their first breath of that atmosphere of comradeship, which in future years will make them regard their regiment as their home. I saw many faces whose features were familiar to my mind, but the names belonging to some of them persisted in eluding my memory till recalled to it. So, too, did I hear names for many years familiar to me, the bearers of which I saw for the first time that night. Here, I think I should mention that the following were present :—

Major-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., and Lady Wilkinson ; Lady Bertha Dawkins ; Brigadier-Gen. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Mrs. Yatman ; Brigadier-Gen. Ch. H. Armstrong, O.B.E. ; Col. D. Sapte ; Col. J. C. Sommerville, C.M.G., O.B.E. ; Col. H. Turner ; Lt.-Col. A. Landen, D.S.O. ; Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes ; Major B. T. St. John ; Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C. ; Major G. L. E. Leverson ; Major W. M. Allen and Miss Allen ; Major S. S. Flower, O.B.E. ; Capt. E. H. Griffin, D.S.O., M.C. ; Capt. J. Laing and Mrs. Laing ; Capt. J. T. Rowland ; Capt. F. Treavor ; Capt. A. Wood, O.B.E. ; Lieut. A. W. Warner ; Mr. P. Maydon, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Morgan, Mr. C. McKim, Mr. H. C. Newton, Mr. H. Pitchford, Mr. Geo. Redhead, Mr. and Mrs. W. Redman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Saunders, Mr. J. Western, Mr. J. Tilling, Mr. W. Warner, Mr. J. Arnold, senr., Mr. J. Arnold, jnr., Mrs. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. M. Beer, Mr. A. E. Bosten, Mrs. Mary Broad, Mr. J. Brydon (a veteran at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea), Mr. J. E. Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. J. Challons, Mr. J. Challons, jnr., Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chesser, Mr. W. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Edwardes, Mr. W. Ford, Mr. A. J. Faulkner, Mr. J. Fraser (ex-R.S.M.), Mr. and Mrs. W. Gosling, Mr. H. Harvey ("Chips," a veteran resident at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea), Mr. H. Hilton, Mr. M. Hyams (ex-Sgt. Master Tailor), Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Leonard, Mr. W. Lees and Miss Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Martin, Mr. F. W. H. Maunder (ex-Sgt. Master Tailor) and Mrs. Maunder.

There were others who looked in upon us, but who did not

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partake of the excellent dinner provided by Anderton's Hotel. I omit the menu. It was a good one. I eat it all. I found it all good. Before we sat down the ubiquitous photographer made a nasty banging noise, and a nastier smell, the while he took the photograph herewith reproduced. After the feast there were speeches and toasts, and in between there was music. Comparative rhetorical criticism is apt to be invidious, and space prevents the presentation of verbatim or lengthy reports, so I hope to be forgiven if I merely state the names of those who made speeches and the toasts which were drunk. These were as follows :—

"The King," proposed by Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, President.

"The Regiment," proposed by Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, President; response by Major-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel of the Regiment.

"The Association," proposed by Capt. J. T. Rowland; response by Mr. H. I. Morgan, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. A. G. Edwardes, Co-Founder.

"The Ladies," proposed by Mr. W. Redman; response by Lady Bertha Dawkins.

Before the speeches began we all rose and paid a silent tribute to those 5th Fusiliers who, having died for their King and Country, were nevertheless surely with us in spirit.

The musical programme was provided by Mrs. Broad, Capt. A. Wood, Mrs. Wood, Miss Nellie Coleman, Mr. T. Rivers, and "The Melody Trio" Orchestra under the direction of Mr. J. C. Redsham. All these artistes gave us of their best, and a most pleasant evening, the enjoyable qualities of which were entirely due to the splendid arrangements made by the energetic committee, consisting of Messrs. Edwardes, Maydon and Morgan, came to an end all too quickly at midnight.

BIG GAME SHOOTING IN INDIA.

EXTRACTS FROM A NOVICE'S DIARY.

(*Continued from page* 197.)

Travelled by longer route. Turned into river to see "kill." Went to what I thought to be the place. No men there yet to erect machan. Sent shikari on and sat down alone. Ate a chupatti, read piece of newspaper it had been wrapped in, and smoked pipe. Felt rather "creepy," and looked about at each noise. Heard barking deer quite near. Was watching spur-winged plover when heard some animal coming along the hillside. Thought it was probably the barking deer. Looked round and saw a large tiger coming down the hill straight for me and unconscious of my presence. Reached for my rifle, and he saw me and crouched. I knelt and aimed between his eyes, but did not fire as he was above me and facing me. He opened his mouth and hissed at me like an angry cat. "Ph-Ph-a-a-ah!" We had a staring match for about a minute, which seemed like a lifetime, while my rifle swayed lower and lower from fatigue and fright. Finally the tiger began backing, and then very slowly turned to creep away, thus offering me his shoulder. I aimed just behind his left shoulder, and fired. He uttered a grunting roar and rolled down the khud towards me. Trees intercepted my view. I heard a scrambling noise as I reloaded, and then saw him disappearing round the corner of a rock. I aimed just below his "tail-piece," and fired again. He roared again and, turning, crashed fifteen feet into a nalah and out of sight. I picked up my cartridge bag and ran out into the open river bed for safety.

After waiting and watching (and praying), I set off to the bungalow to find my shikari and some coolies.

MY ONE-HANDED SPORTSMAN AND FRIEND.

After nearly three-quarters of an hour collected some men and proceeded to the scene of my adventure. Explained the situation. The shikari and one other man, who possessed only one hand, but was a very stout supporter, came with me to follow the tiger. We found a large pool of blood and a chunk of flesh as big as my middle finger and the same shape. Trail of blood led along side of nullah and among bamboos and grass. Once he had lain down, as evidenced by the crushed grass and another pool of blood. Further on he had stopped, evidently to listen. From there on the trail ceased. After wasting some time on false trails, we returned to the starting-place to find the coolies very excited. Soon after we had gone the tiger had doubled back, passed them and gone up the river, and was dying in a pool about three hundred yards away. I thought the best and safest thing was to let him die, and so lit a pipe and waited. Presently some coolies who had been up trees on the far side came over and told me that the tiger had moved on. Followed trail into some high grass. Decided to send for some buffaloes to drive in front of us. After a short wait, became impatient and went back to where I had fired at the tiger. Paced distance. We had faced each other at less than 35 yards distance. Returned. No buffaloes arrived, so moved on towards some deep pools further up the river. Moved out into the open river-bed. Rounding a corner I saw the tiger lying in a pool of water sixty yards away and facing away from me. He did not see me. Had only shot-gun with lethal bullet. Started to go back for rifle; changed my mind, knelt down and fired at the tiger, aiming at junction of head and neck. He surged up with a roar, turned, and charged, tail up, in my direction, but turned and leapt up the bank. Had a crossing shot, but missed. He turned again and disappeared into the jungle.

(*To be continued.*)

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Capt. A. C. Milne-Home, M.C., North'd Fus. (since promoted Major, now decd.), relinquishes the temp. rank of Major, on ceasing to be employed with the West African Frontier Force (dated 15th January, 1920).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. Clark to be Lieut. (dated 1st November) ; 2nd-Lieut. A. Fleming to be Lieut (dated 25th November).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. McLellan to be Lieut. (dated 9th September).

6th Batt.—Lieut. J. Thompson resigns his commission and retains the rank of Lieutenant (dated 10th December, 1924).

The following to be 2nd Lieutenants :—

6th Batt.—G. L. A. France (late Cadet S.M., Leys School Contingent, Jun. Div., O.T.C.) (dated 11th December).

7th Batt.—M. Robson (late Cadet, Barnard Castle School Contingent, Jun. Div., O.T.C.) (dated 4th December).

RETROSPECT, 1924.

BY "CHINK."

Looking back down the avenue of the months, we can be thankful that the passage of 1924 has at least been peaceful. Though the stir and movement of the tide of Imperial events has hardly touched the Regiment in the shallows in which we are moored, the year has not been uneventful. The early months were saddened, and the year has been marred, by the loss of three of our brethren—Milne Home, Swaine and Harcourt-Vernon.

Their obituaries have been written. Their curtain is rung down, but it is not so that friends pass, and the grief of their loss is still heavy upon us. For the rest, 1924 has been quietly busy, having no outstanding features but being made up of all the common, cheery, haphazard doings which count so greatly towards the pleasure and profit of soldiering ; and we can rest assured that in all formations, Regular and Territorial alike, it goes well with the Regiment. We have not been troubled by the disturbances, risings, or strikes which affected the early years of reconstruction, and we have taken advantage of the calm to make good progress.

It is in the uneventful years that the weapon is forged and tempered in readiness for the test of battle, and if to the credit of 1924 it can be written that in all respects the six Battalions are better prepared than they were twelve months ago, why then all that is needful has been said. Nobody will deny that in all phrases of our work and our play greater efficiency has been reached and maintained.

The most important task—the linking up of the Regular and Territorial Battalions into one firm Regimental union—has progressed well. That is as it should be, for more than twelve of the battle honours which were gained in the last war, and are newly placed to our name in the *Army List*, were the gift of those battalions. It is no small matter that the Territorial Battalions now bear all the battle honours on their colours. The FIFTH presents a solid front, and a deal of the credit of this work must be awarded to the Depôt. It is possible that the next task before the Regiment will be that of linking up with Dominion Corps in Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and of applying imperially the spirit of helpful union which is working so successfully on the Tyneside, to the end that Fusiliers of all classes who have left the Colours and who desire to avail themselves of the advantages of emigration, may find a helping hand and a Regimental link in the new land of their adoption. Anyone re-reading the *St. George's Gazettes* of the last eleven months cannot fail to be struck by the strong evidence of the Regimental unity which now exists, and it is conceivable that the paper in the gosling green cover may become a medium for the wider expansion of Regimental ideals overseas. The Regiment certainly could not dispense with the service of the *Gazette* : it cements all branches and classes as nothing else could, and our thanks are more than ever due to the Editor for his work.

Recruiting for the Regular Battalions has been good, and it is satisfactory to note the excellent type of young men who are coming forward. The ancient, deep-seated unpopularity of the Service as a career is dying hard, but it is definitely doomed. The Army, one likes to think, is no longer regarded as the last resort of the bad boy of the family.

The men who are coming to the Colours to-day are under no illusion as to the benefits of the life they have chosen, and yearly with improving conditions the Service is becoming more sought after. This progress in its turn reacts most favourably on the standard of the drafts which the home Battalion has this year sent abroad. A deal of the credit for this state of affairs is due to the good work of the Regimental Depôt, for however good the class of Recruit may be, it is the training they receive in their first six months of service which developes the latent value of the raw material. The Depôt has been most successful.

It must not be thought, however, that ground has only been gained by the middle and the young guard. On the contrary, the old guard have been busy and much has been done to strengthen and develop the influence and numbers of the London

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Branch of the Old Comrades' Association. Solemnly at the Cenotaph, cheerily on St. George's Day and at other re-unions, helpfully at all times, the work of conserving that *esprit de corps* and spirit of union for which the FIFTH has long been famous has gone forward with success.

The result is a tribute to the energy and ability of the original organisers. Once more the *Gazette* proves its value as a link.

Changes in personnel as they occur are hardly noticeable, but nevertheless change has been at work, and the sum total is considerable. General Yatman has retired from the Service. Colonel Girdwood has left the Royal Military College to command an Infantry Brigade. Lt.-Col. Cruddas now lives the life of a country squire and renews his military activity as a Territorial Officer; while others have moved on from Regimental employ to the wider life of the Service, with Lt.-Col. Platt to Brigade Major at Alexandria and Captain Garnier to the War Office. Both these last appointments are the result of graduating from the Staff College. The success of Lieut. Pigott in passing into the Staff College, and his subsequent accelerated promotion into the Royal Berkshire Regiment, may or may not inspire others to emulation. The price of success is sometimes too great to be borne. That way, however, the wind is blowing, and signs are not lacking in the military sky of a threatening storm which may blow the ancient fabric of regimental life, as we know and value it, to the four corners of the firmament. It will be a sad day for Fusiliers when the Regiments in which we serve will but be regarded as so many milestones in one's military career, and the sentiment of this retrospect as old-fashioned and futile. There is in these matters a happy medium, and though promotion, however meritorious, which removes the recipient from his regimental home is a deplorable subject to contemplate, the fact that in the last year we have placed representatives on the Personal Staff in India and at Hythe and Sandhurst at home, as well as on the Staff proper, will make it clear that the Regiment does not suffer from that fusty outlook which regards anyone employed outside the battalions as recreant and traitorous knaves.

As ever, St. George's Day provided a focus for Regimental sentiment, and the Red and White Roses blossomed in Fusilier headdresses from the Wall to the Indies. That, alas! is a threatened privilege. There is no possible objection to the laudable work which has obtained for all and every English soldier the right to wear her emblem on her saint's day; but no Fifth Fusilier can see without sorrow the invasion of what was before an unique perquisite of his own. It is not the first time in our history that the universal adoption of an article of ornament has threatened to destroy a Regimental Right. The Red and White plume marks one such recognition of our just protest. It seems as if the time had come when the Authorities should be requested to safeguard our historic custom. It has been suggested that to the Regiment alone should be reserved the permission to wear the red and white roses held in the cap badge.

The attitude of both Regular Battalions and the Depôt towards games is the fruit of a great deal of quiet labour and enthusiasm. The results are worthy of notice. Again, the numbers of the *Gazette* show this most clearly. The scientific encouragement which enables the largest possible numbers of performers to take part may in some wise militate against outside success, so often the result of gladiatorial effort; but the effect is certain to show to the greatest benefit in the future. The results of the Sports and the Boxing competitions as reported from the home and foreign battalions indicate that the Regiment is working on sound and uniform methods. The 2nd Battalion has shone to considerable advantage at Boxing, and the times recorded in its sports prove that a contest between the two Battalions would be an evenly-matched and Homeric affair. The record of the 1st Battalion in command Athletics is noteworthy. Since 1921 it has never been placed lower than third in any command Athletic meeting, and it secured equal fourth place in the Army team championships held at Aldershot in 1923. This year it was second in the Rhine Army. Individually the Regiment was represented at the Olympic Games at Paris by Lieut. C. E. Beckwith, who put the Weight for England, and who is still Army champion this year, having beaten his previous record.

In the R.A.F. Sports, Harcourt Vernon, with his usual stubborn grit, was champion in the same event.

It is also noteworthy that the tradition which is founded on the possession of two Infantry polo trophies and two grand military gold cups, has not wilted. The 2nd Battalion's revival of polo is true to type, nor has polo been neglected at Cologne. It is to be hoped that next year, when the 1st Battalion returns from Germany, it will retake its proper position in the hunting field.

It is not to be doubted that the FIFTH will render as good an account of itself in 1925 as during the past year. The Regimental future is very bright.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

COLOGNE,

December, 1924.

The month has been one of comings and goings, interspersed with what the papers call "seasonable festivities."

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It is no doubt owing to the latter that the scribe is feeling far from humourous, and also quite incapable of even attempting to describe them.

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We were all very delighted to welcome Colonel Herbert to the Battalion early in the month, and, later, Mrs. Pemberton, who arrived shortly after Capt. Pemberton returned from England. Mr. Crawhall has reassumed the reins of office; whilst Mr. Kilgour and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt have also returned much invigorated after their spell of leave.

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Mr. Butterfield, Mr. Bland and Mr. Macmullen are all enjoying their two months' annual rest; whilst Major Forster has gone home for a few days, and Major Critchley-Salmonson departs for a couple of months on the 27th.

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Mr. Jones, on the very eve of his departure, was sent to hospital and was operated upon the same evening for appendicitis. We are glad to hear that he is progressing favourably, and wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

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We must congratulate Major Critchley-Salmonson and Mr. Steele on having got through "D" and "B" respectively.

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We understand that Mr. Newstead is preparing to defeat the examiners in April, and we wish him (as usual) all success.

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Congratulations are also due to Mr. Beckwith, for having won a "Tombstone" Competition at Golf.

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The draft referred to in the last *Gazette* has now left for England, *en route* to the 2nd Battalion, and our loss has been made good, to the extent of 27, by the arrival of a draft from the Depôt.

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The Band and the Football Team have also left us on well-merited furlough.

BOXING NOTES.

The results of the British Army of the Rhine Open Novices' Competition up to the Second Series appeared in last month's issue; the Competition terminated on the 27th November, and the final results are appended:—

WINNERS.

Fly-weight—Pte. Selwood, York and Lancs. Regt.
Bantam-weight—Pte. Delves, K.S.L.I.
Feather-weight—Pte. Wild, R.A.S.C.
Light-weight—Pte. Bell, Manchester Regt.
Welter-weight—Lce.-Cpl. Roper, 5th Fusiliers.
Middle-weight—Rfm. Ellwood, Royal Ulster Rifles.
Light Heavy-weight—Pte. Gordon, R.A.S.C.

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Of the 10 competitors who entered from the Battalion, the following gained various honours:—

Lce.-Cpl. Roper won the Welter-weight, after several hard fights.

Lce.-Cpl. Naylor was beaten in the semi-final by Lce.-Cpl. Roper, and received a semi-finalist's Medal and a Plucky Loser's Prize.

Fusrs. Flint and Hick also received Plucky Loser's Prizes.

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The Novices' Inter-Battalion Team Competition takes place on the 15th January, and we have hopes of getting together a really good team this year.

"SOCIAL."

Thanks to the untiring efforts of Capt. Lindsay and his small but energetic band of supporters, a most enjoyable "Social" took place in the Dance Hall, on the evening of Boxing Day. The entertainment took the form of a combined Dance and Smoking Concert.

Our thanks are due to the very capable little orchestra, who, in the absence of the band on leave, so kindly came forward to provide the dance music. The orchestra consisted of Mr. Windram (violin), Sgt. Lock (violin), Cpl. Starbuck (drum and effects), and C.S.M. Watson at the piano.

There were two dancing competitions. The first was a Foxtrot for men's couples only. The first prize was awarded to Fus. Flint ("F" Coy.) and Fus. Raybould ("X" Coy.) The second prize was allotted to Lce.-Cpl. Madgin ("Y" Coy). and Fus. Atkinson ("Z" Coy.).

The second competition was a Waltz. This attracted quite a number of competitors, a man and a lady, or men's couples, being optional. The judges (Mrs. Ambury and Mrs. Guttridge), after considerable deliberation, eventually decided on a tie between Miss Dolly Earle and Miss Amelia Johnson and their respective Fusilier partners. We wonder whether either of the latter got any of the chocolates!

Except for a monologue by Captain Lindsay in the capacity of the "Reverend Stead Wing," every item of the programme was rendered by members of the audience, who had entered for the "Go as you please" Competition, for which two prizes had been previously advertised. The judges were unanimous in awarding the first prize to Fus. Flint ("X" Coy.), who gave some excellent imitations. These included imitations of a bee, a saw, a gramophone record and a saxaphone. The latter two were particularly well rendered and received much applause from an appreciative audience. Fus. Colley (song), of the M.G. Pl., was awarded second prize.

Other items were:—Fus. Thompson (song and recitation), Fus. Stewart (song), Fus. Forrester (song), and Fus. McGowan (song).

It is to be hoped that in the near future some more of these impromptu concerts will be held, as providing a nursery for future performers in the St. George's Minstrels. This ardent band of entertainers whose numbers have recently become somewhat depleted, are searching for fresh talent, which will be gladly welcomed.

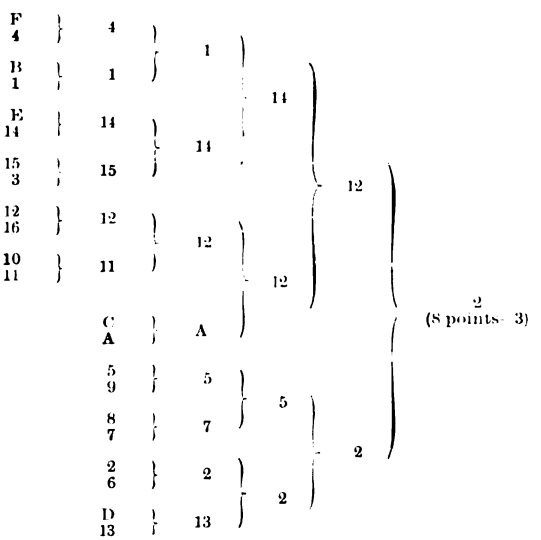
CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL.

On Boxing Day and the day following, an inter-platoon six-a-side football contest was staged. "A" and "B" Groups of the H.Q.W. found three teams each. Some exciting football was witnessed, and we were glad to see so much genuine enthusiasm displayed on the touch-line.

No. 2 Platoon were the winners, and their team was composed of the following:—Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, Lce.-Cpl. Smith, Fus. Alcock, Fus. Crampton, Fus. Kellett and Fus. Pearson.

The runners-up were No. 12 Platoon, who were represented by the following:—Lce.-Cpl. Roper, Fus. Butler, Fus. Davis, Fus. McGowan, Fus. Sidney and Fus. Webster.

A table of results is appended:—



N.B.—"A" Group, A, B, C Teams.
"B" Group, D, E, F Teams.

SHOOTING.

On Boxing Day an inter-platoon falling plate competition was held in the miniature range. Each platoon found a team of four, "A" and "B" Groups finding three teams each.

No. 4 Platoon were the winners, and their team was composed

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of the following :—Lce.-Sgt. Brown, Lce.-Cpl. Hall, Fus. Ferguson and Fus. Wandby.

No. 5 Platoon were the runners-up, and they were represented by the following :—Lce.-Cpl. Bell, Fus. Arthur, Fus. Flint and Fus. Hodgson.

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On the evening following Boxing Day a Pool Bull Competition took place in the miniature range. The following scored pool bulls :—Lce.-Sgt. Lock, Lce.-Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Swain, Cpl. Fearn, Lce.-Cpl. Hall, Fus. Peacock, Fus. Wilson, Fus. Morrison, Fus. Walker and Fus. Sherburn.

A table of results of the inter-platoon shoot is appended :—

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H.Q. A. 3 H.Q. B. 2	H.Q. B. 2 (Walk over)			
H.Q. B. 3 12	H.Q. B. 3	4	4	
13 4	4			
1 6	Scratched			4
14 3	3	3		
H.Q. B. 1 2	H.Q. B. 1			
9 H.Q. A. 1	H.Q. A. 1 (Walk over)		5	
15 8	Scratched	5		
H.Q. A. 2 5	5			
10 7	Scratched			

HOCKEY NOTES.

During the month of December the Battalion have played three league matches, beating the King's Dragoon Guards, 3—0 ; the Royal Artillery, 8—2 ; and the Royal Ulster Rifles, 3—2.

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With the return of Mr. Kilgour from leave in England, the side was at full strength, but we were fully extended against the Royal Ulster Rifles, scoring 2 goals in the last three minutes, and literally snatching the victory at the eleventh hour. This game was played on the Barrack Square after several degrees of frost, and the ground was like iron. Mr. Kilgour went up to the forward line from centre-half, and ran through on his own to score the winning goal within one minute of time.

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We still retain 3rd place in the League, having won 8 matches and lost 1.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

December, 1924.

Since our last issue nothing of much importance has occurred.

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On the 30th November a Whist Drive and Dance was held in the Mess, which proved a very enjoyable evening.

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Our newly-formed orchestra, under the direction of Band Sgt. A. H. McPherson, rendered a very excellent programme of dance music.

We wish to congratulate C.Q.M.Sgts. Ludford and Wisdom, on becoming admitted to the membership of the "40 Thieves."

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During the month Sgts. Curtis and Swain returned from leave, the latter much thinner.

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On a frosty morning a member was trapped in the Q.M. Stores ; a minion of a Corporal released him. What took place afterwards—enough said.

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Dangerous driving ! We are glad that one of our members observes the rule "Safety First !" even in foreign lands.

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The final of the Mess Billiard Cup was played on the 21st inst., and resulted in the winner of last year, R.Q.M.S. Ambury, being defeated by the winner in 1919, C.S.M. Clarke. Scores were :—C.S.M. Clarke, 250 ; R.Q.M.S. Ambury, 214.

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The following have proceeded on leave during the month :—C.Q.M.S. Wisdom, Sgts. Greaves, Philips, McPherson and Chislett. We wish them a very merry 'Xmas.

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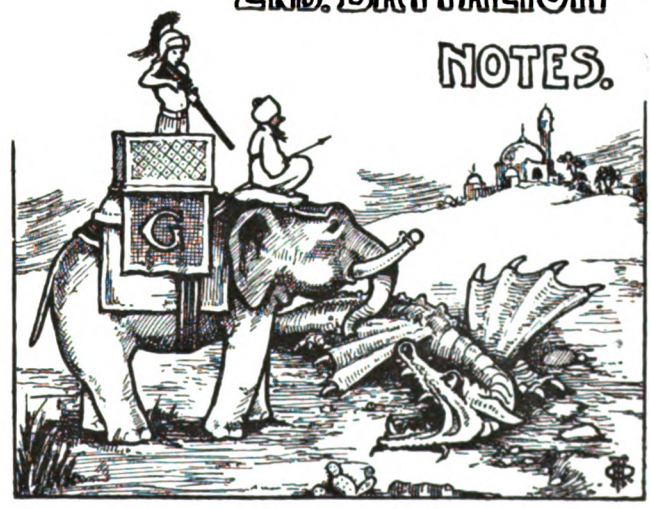
Owing to our artist being on leave, we are unable this month to contribute our usual caricatures of Mess notorieties. Last month's "Caricature Corner" has been a subject of much criticism, and we wonder if the artist when he returns will survive to continue the good work—his chances are certainly small.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,

16th November, 1924.

The month has been productive of more than the usual number of alterations in arrangements and programmes.

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The heavy rains in the hills and Delhi district delayed the return of our hill parties and led to the postponement of manœuvres until the end of January.

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The Battalion is not going to manœuvres, but is finding some umpires, and the Signallers assist District H.Q. Signals.

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As a result, our camp will be held in November and December

ON THE ROAD TO RANIKHET.

THE LANDSLIDE AT THE BREWERY ON SEPTEMBER 28TH.

instead of after Christmas. These changes which necessitated the completion of the Brigade Football and Hockey Competitions by 31st December have made it rather hard to collect representative teams before camp, as a whole week was taken up by the local hockey competition for the Oakden Cup.

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A pleasant game with the Fyzabad Police, in the first round of the Oakden Hockey Cup Tournament, resulted in a win for "A" Team by 6 goals to 1. Our "B" Team beat the 9th Battery "B" Team by 1—0, after many periods of additional time; lost 0—4 to College Purtabgung. The Sergeants' team lost to Battery "A" by 1—2. On 5th November "A" Team had a somewhat unpleasant match which they won 3—0 against Sultanpur. Our opponents spent a considerable portion of the game in wrangling and abusing both referees. Fouls for sticks and dangerous hitting were certainly repeatedly given against them, but we may be very grateful that the referees were strict, as otherwise our team would have had many more men injured by wild hitting.

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On the 6th instant a very pleasant fast-and-hard game with the 9th Battery resulted in a win by 1—0 for "A" Team. The goal was obtained by Mr. Grimley in the first two minutes from a melee in the Battery circle.

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Our thanks are due to the 9th Battery for their kindness in loaning us their excellent ground in the two preceeding matches, and to Col. Carey, Major Hume Wright and Mr. Jehans, who have undertaken the onerous duties of referee on so many occasions throughout the tournament.

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Our win against the 9th Battery took us into the final, which was played on 7th November on the Police ground, Fyzabad. An "At Home," to which the Regiment was invited, was given by the Indian Civil Service.

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The final, against Alighar, was played on the Police ground, at 4 p.m., on 7th November. Our team was beaten 0—4, after a very good, fast and clean game, in which we had little, if any, the worse of the game as a whole, but failed to take advantage of any of our opportunities to score, whereas our opponents hardly ever got inside the striking circle without scoring.

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Alighar University, who come from close to Meerut, had a very speedy set of forwards whose stick work at times was wonderful. The Cup was presented to the Alighar team by Mrs. Stubbs, wife of the Commissioner, together with gold medals to both winners and runners-up.

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There have been two dances, one at the Club and one at the Railway Institute. Both were well attended, the first-named being exceptionally well attended owing to the presence of many visitors for the Oakden Hockey Tournament.

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The Colonel Commdt. 19th Indian Infantry, Bde.-Col. A. C.

A CLOSER VIEW OF THE LANDSLIDE.

McNamara, C.M.G., D.S.O., visited us on 8th November, and

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saw "B" Company march out as advance party to camp,

REPAIRING THE ROAD AFTER THE LANDSLIDE.

and afterwards heard Humphreys lecture on "Mountain Warfare" and the Adjutant discoursing on the "R.A.F and Army Co-operation."

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He took a great interest in the Drums of the Battalion, and made very helpful comments.

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The first news of the Conservative victory was contained in a wire kindly sent by our representative at Simla, Major Ovans, C.B.E.

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The 8th November was remarkable for the farewell dinner to Alan Pigott. After the farewell dinner he for the moment escaped the clutches of the Black Gang, but was re-captured and driven off to his bungalow amidst a combined pyrotechnic and Rodeo display which has never been equalled in Fyzabad. The Adjutant's training in the M.G. Platoon was probably responsible for the accuracy of the rocket battery. There is no truth in the report that the Maharajah of —— has approached Captain Hogshaw with a view to obtaining the services of a bandmaster, big drummer and solo trombone.

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We go into camp at Pura Gumti on 17th November. Our advance party, "B" Company, under Major Foster, left on the 8th November. The O. and R. Railway Company have kindly arranged to stop goods trains at the camp instead of at the station, thus saving many weary 14-mile journeys for unloading parties and transport. Their one proviso was that the trains should not be delayed for more than 30 minutes. Thanks largely to Major Foster's single-handed method of unloading 900 lbs. tents, one in each hand, the first train was unloaded in under 20 minutes.

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We were beaten 1—2 in the Brigade Hockey Tournament by the Lucknow A.F.I. A shot which entered the goal and struck the backboard of the net, bounced out into play, and was not seen by the referee, otherwise extra time would have been necessary.

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Bennett has taken a Boxing team to Cawnpore to compete against the 4th Hussars, D L.I., and the Queen's.

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Fyzabad will be very empty this side of Christmas, as the Royal 9th Battery will be away on duty as Depôt Battery at practice camp for three months. Our thanks are due to their Officers for kindly placing their shooting boats at our disposal, and also to Pigott, who has presented a boat to the Mess.

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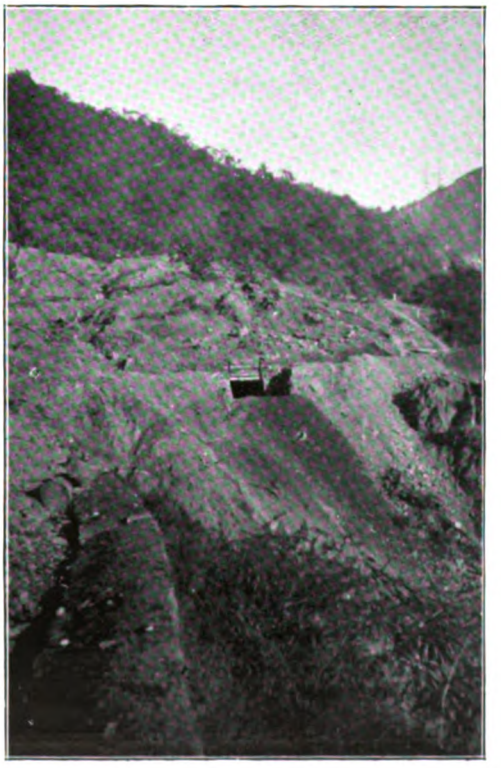
Two successful shoots at Sumda-jheel, and one rather disappointing one at Milkapur, have taken place during the past three weeks. The bags were roughly 70, 55 (2 days) and 135 duck. In the last shoot there were a tremendous number of big duck on Sumda-jheel, and by lunch time 5 out of the 7 guns were out of cartridges. A Brooklands record to Fyzabad and back by Hogshaw and Fife (9th Jat. L.I.) produced a



THE BREWERY LANDSLIDE.
ANOTHER VIEW OF THE DAMAGE.

further stock and a very enjoyable afternoon's shoot.

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2nd Lieuts. Vaughan and Rose, Unattached List, Indian Army, have been attached to the Battalion, and have been posted to "B" and "D" Companies, respectively.

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We are very sorry to have to bid good-bye to R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, who is going home to take over A/R.S.M. of the 6th Battalion. All who have had experience of the careful work, attention to detail and devotion to duty of R.Q.M.S. Capstaff will realise what a loss to the Battalion his departure will mean. Our good wishes go with him.

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O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson replaces him as R.Q.M.S., and C.Q.M.S. Willson takes the former's place in the Orderly Room.

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A draft from United Kingdom, of 1 sergeant and 110 other ranks, joined us on the 14th, under 2nd Lieuts. Collingwood, Clifford and Flower. Excellent reports as to the conduct of

THE BAND CROSSING A BRIDGE NEAR RATIGHAT ON THE RETURN TREK TO THE PLAINS.

this draft on board the s.s. *Marglen* and at Deolali rest camp have been received.

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The rear party of "D" Company from Ranikhet arrives to-day (15th November), under Capt. Attwater.

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Our congratulations to Capt. Cooper on his promotion.

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A short service in Church on 11th November was followed by the "Last Post," sounded by the Drums of the FIFTH, at 11.45 a.m., the church bells tolled for 5 minutes, whilst the Band played Handel's "Largo." On the last stroke of the bell, the two minutes' silence began, the congregation rose and stood to attention, and all guards turned out and presented arms.

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After two minutes' silence, the Drums sounded the "Reveille."

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Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Fryer, Mrs. Maynard, Miss Violet Maynard, Miss Pansy Maynard, Mrs. Steffen and Mrs. Springate kindly undertook the sale of poppies on behalf of the Ex-Services Association. Owing to the absence of the hill party, "B" Company in camp, and the 9th Battery in practice camp, the total received was necessarily smaller than last year, but about Rs. 200 has already been received.

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Polo has started again on the Maidan, but owing to Hockey Tournaments and the small number of Officers in the station, it has been very much interrupted.

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H.Q. Company beat "A" Company at cricket in the first round of the Inter-Company Competition.

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Lieut. E. O. Martin and the Battalion Signallers will be attached to "A" Divisional Signals at Meerut until the completion of manœuvres. We shall be without them in camp this year, but Col. Carey, Commanding 1st Royal Battalion, 9th Jat. L.I., has kindly offered to lend us Signallers for Battalion training.

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Cricket Match played at Fyzabad, on the 22nd and 23rd of October, 1924 :—

FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* THE GARRISON.

5TH FUSILIERS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Lt. Fryer, c Bmdr. Barker, b Major Hume Wright	8	played on, b Lt. Sherbourne	0
Lt. Grimley, c Sgt. Doherty, b Capt. Fife	15	played on, b Lt. Sherbourne	4
S.Sgt. Adams, c Capt. Fife, b Bmdr. Wills	2	c Lt.-Col. Carey, b Lt. Sherbourne	5
Bdms. Trower, c Bmdr. Wills, b Gnr. Arnett	54	c Capt. Wimberley, b Bmdr. Wills	0
Capt. Hogshaw, b Bmdr. Wills	5	run out, b Bmdr. Wills	8
Sgt. Parkin, st Capt. Mimberley, b Major Hume Wright	23	c Capt. Wimberley, b Lt. Sherbourne	2
O.R. Q.M.S. Atkinson, b Major Hume Wright	1	c Lt. Sherbourne, b Bmdr. Wills	1
C.S.M. Brockelsby, b Lt. Hamilton	5	c Bmdr. Barker, b Lt. Sherbourne	5
Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, b Gnr. Arnett	5	c Bmdr. Barker, b Lt. Sherbourne	2
Fus. Mills, run out, b Bmdr. Wills	13	b Lt. Hamilton	9
Lt.-Col. Kershaw, not out	0	not out	19
Extras	6	Extras	8
Total	137	Total	63

THE GARRISON.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Sgt. Doherty, c S.Sgt. Adams, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	29	st C.S.M. Brockelsby, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	0
Capt. Wimberly, c Lt. Grimley, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	0	lbw, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	4
Lt.-Col. Carey, b Lt. Grimley	3	b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	20
Major Hume Wright, b Lce.-Cpl Churchill	17	c Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	8
Lt. Hamilton, c Capt. Hogshaw, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	7	c Fus. Mills, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	24
Bmdr. Wills, run out, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	0	run out, b S.Sgt. Adams	0
Major Stevens, lbw, b Lt. Grimley	2	c Lt. Fryer, b Fus. Mills	12

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Bmdr. Barker, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill ..	2	c Lt. Grimley, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	0
Gnr. Arnett, not out	0	b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	9
Capt. Fife, c Bdms. Trower, b Lt. Grimley	5	not out	22
Lt. Sherbourne, run out, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	33	retired	32
Extras	7	Extras	3
Total	105	Total	134

The Garrison won by 39 runs.

Cricket Match played at Fyzabad, on the 28th and 30th October, 1924.

THE GARRISON.

Lt. Sherbourne, b Lce.-Cpl. Churchill	0
Sgt. Doherty, c Lt. Humphreys, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	4
Major Hume Wright, c Major Foster, b Lt. Grimley	86
Lt.-Col. Carey, b Lt.-Col. Kershaw	0
Lt. Hamilton, c Lt. Humphreys, b Lt. Grimley	118
Capt. Wimberley, not out	18
Gnr. Ainley, Bmdr. Wills, Gnr. Arnett, Bmdr. Barker, Lt. Reed — did not bat	
Extras	10
Total (innings declared)	236

5TH FUSILIERS.

Lt.-Col. Kershaw, c Bmdr. Barker, b Bmdr. Wills	12
Lt. Grimley, c Capt. Wimberley, b Bmdr. Wills	13
Bdms. Trower, run out	31
Lt. Fryer, c Capt. Wimberley, b Bmdr. Wills	8
S/Sgt. Adams, c Gnr. Arnett, b Bdmr. Wills	3
Capt. Hogshaw, c Lt. Reed, b Gnr. Arnett	19
Major Foster, c Bmdr. Wills, b Gnr. Ainley	4
C.S.M. Brockelsby, b Gnr. Ainley	0
Lt. Humphreys, b Gnr. Ainley	0
Lce.-Cpl. Churchill, c Lt. Hamilton, b Bmdr. Wills	16
Fus. Mills, not out	7
Extras	8
Total	121

The Garrison won by 115 runs.

THE A.I.F. BOXING TOURNAMENT.

The above-named was held at Cawnpore, on 11th and 12th November, the proceeds of which, some Rs. 1500, was presented to the Ex-Soldiers' Association.

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Mr. West, of Cawnpore, presented the Team Cup; the Cups for the individual winners and runners-up were given by other civilians living at Cawnpore.

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As we had but a week's notice of the tournament we were unable to send a fully representative team or a trained one. However, the men selected gave a very good account of themselves, despite the disadvantage of having, in three cases, to box in weights heavier than their own.

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Teams from the following Units contested for the team trophy:—the 4th Hussars, the Queen's R.W. Surrey Regt., 5th Fusiliers and the Durham Light Infantry.

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The boxing was excellent and very clean; the referee Capt. Symonds, issued but four cautions during the whole tournament.

An account of the bouts in which our own men boxed is given below.

Fly-weights.—Bdsm. Anderson, 5th Fusiliers, beat Lce.-Cpl. Webber, D.L.I.

Webber had the longer reach, but was soon worn down by Anderson's hard boxing. The latter forced the bout in the last round to such an extent that his opponent was exhausted when the final gong sounded. Won on points.

Bantam-weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Burke, 5th Fusiliers, lost to Pte. Moran, D.L.I.

Moran is strong and fights hard, if a trifle wild. Burke put him down for two long counts, but eventually lost on points.

Feather-weights.—Cpl. Moran, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Pte. Brannon, D.L.I.

A fast bout. Very even until the third round found Moran "out-conditioned" by Brannon who won on points. Brannon won the weight.

Light-weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Jacobs, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Cpl. Brown, D.L.I.

Cpl. Brown won his weight at Mussoorie this year and entered the ring trained to the minute. Jacobs fought well, using a good straight left which upset Brown considerably. Brown won this hard bout by a narrow margin.

Welter-weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, 5th Fusiliers, defeated Lce.-Cpl. Brenchly, D.L.I.

Catterick did not box his opponent, but waited for the chance to knock him out. The chance was presented in the second round. Catterick's thumb went out with Brenchley.

Middle-weights.—Trooper Haines, 4th Hussars, beat Lce.-Cpl. Palmer, 5th Fusiliers. Palmer fought well, but was not good enough for Haines, who was much more fit and heavier. Haines won on points and eventually won the weight.

Light Heavy-weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, 5th Fusiliers, *v.* Cpl. Bailley, D.L.I.

Bailley is the Poona District champion, and we expected to see Whitelock sail over our heads in the first round, the latter being more than a stone lighter than Bailley. The initial round produced a whirling fight in which we saw the ring rock and heard dull thuds. It is thought that the Referee counted the points by the "pitch" of the thud. When the first gong sounded the seconds with great difficulty took the "ginger" off the "bill" and fitted them for the second round. When this commenced Bailley rushed across the ring, and Whitelock had just enough time to rise from his stool to meet him with a straight left and right hook, which steadied him for the remainder of the bout. Whitelock won on points.

Fly-weight Final.—Bdsm. Anderson knocked out Trooper Roberts, 4th Hussars, in 25 seconds.

Light Heavy Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock knocked out Dmr. Jones, The Queen's, in 20 seconds.

Welter-weight Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Catterick was beaten by Lce.-Cpl. Halford, D.L.I. Catterick was beaten on points after a gruelling bout. Unknown to the M.O. or the O.-i/c. Team, he fought this bout with a fractured thumb and did not disclose the fact until afterwards.

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The Team Cup was presented to the D.L.I. Team by Mr. West.

Placing:—Durham Light Infantry	23
5th Fusiliers	17
4th Hussars	16
The Queen's Royal Regiment	14

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In January we hope to meet the above and two other teams at Cawnpore during the "Week." We expect a very different result.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Quite a number of changes have taken place in the Mess during November, and in the departure of R.S.M. Johnson, C.S.M. Prophet and Arm./Sgt. Adams, the Mess has lost three very popular and highly respected members.

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I do not intend to dwell at length on the merits of the R.S.M. and C.S.M. Prophet, for that has been dealt with as a separate article by "Tallfeller"—suffice to say that they were Fusiliers to their finger tips. They leave, after a period of 21 years' service, with the best wishes of the W.O.'s and Sergeants of the Battalion, and in the knowledge that they have left behind a fine spirit and example which Fusiliers who know them will, in the future, always recall with pride.

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They had a wonderful send off, and there were some sad hearts that night.

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The Armourer, too, will be greatly missed. He has been with the Battalion for the past five years, and if not a Fusilier regimentally, he was one at heart. His loss to the Battalion Cricket team will be keenly felt, for he was a fine cricketer and a regular figure in the Regimental side. His cheery disposition was our admiration, and he was a help to the Mess in all matters of entertainment and sport. He carries away with him our best wishes, and, in his 17 years of service, I am sure he will always recall with happiness his connection with the FIFTH.

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The Hill parties have returned and, with the exception of C.Q.M.S. Williams and Sgt. Morris, who have remained behind at Ranikhet to close down, we are almost at full strength again. Several members have left with "B" Coy. as advance party to camp. The remainder follow on the 17th, so we expect to be re-united in camp after a period of 6 months of Hill Station changes.

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Congratulations to Sgt. Green on his marriage in Lucknow in the early part of the month. This has indeed been a lean season, and all our congratulations have been showered upon "Dodger" as the only brave heart to engage in matrimonial ties this "trooper."

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The Mess Hockey XI. were defeated in the first round of the Oakden Cup, but only after a very stern fight with the 9th Battery, R.F.A. The game took place on the Police ground, and was spiritedly contested. There was no score at half-time, and although we had most of the game afterwards we failed to respond to the two goals scored by the Gunners. The defence of Sgts. Parkin and Wood was specially commendable, and voted one of the best shows seen on the ground this season.

R.S.M. S. JOHNSTON.

On the departure from India for discharge to U.K., of No. 4256049 R.S.M. S. Johnston, on 12th November, the Foreign Service Battalion has lost its oldest serving member, whose entire career of 21 years has been spent with the 2nd Battalion, and whose pride it is to have reached the great and most coveted honour of becoming Regimental Sergeant Major of a Battalion of the 5th Fusiliers.

Sheer merit and practical results have pushed him to the front. Indeed, to give a comprehensive account of his full service and records would, I am afraid, fill more space than could be allotted here. In publishing a brief record I feel it will serve as a pleasant recollection to old hands and an inspiration to the junior ranks whose welfare has been for the past four years so very carefully studied by him.

R.S.M. S. JOHNSTON.

Enlisting as far back as June, 1903, he commenced his long and notable career with the 2nd Battalion in July of the same year. His abilities were quickly recognised by promotion to the rank of full Corporal within six months' service. A further high distinction of the old days was his selection to attend the long Gymnastic course at Aldershot within a period of twelve months' service. He became a member of the Sergeants' Mess in November, 1905. In the years 1907–8–9 he was Battalion Physical Training Instructor, and passed for the Army Gymnastic Staff in 1908. In his capacity as P.T. Instructor he trained the Battalion Football Team in 1909–10 and the Battalion Bayonet Team in 1910–11, attending Olympia and Islington Hall with the Bayonet Team in the same years. He was in "F" Company's winning team for bayonets in the Brigade for two years, 1911–12. He was amongst those specially selected, and who left Dover to attend the funeral of His Majesty King Edward, and was in the picked Company who attended the Coronation of King George.

His versatility was demonstrated when he took over the duties of Officers' Mess Sergeant, in 1912, and remained in that capacity at Sheffield and Sabatha, India, until 1914.

On the outbreak of the Great War he came home with the 2nd Battalion, and proceeded to France in January, 1915. He was wounded during the terrific second Battle of Ypres, and became a prisoner of war in May, 1915.

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On the re-organisation of the 2nd Battalion in 1919 he took over temporarily the duties of R.Q.M.S. and, in this capacity, found ample scope for his ability and efficient labour. On the Battalion proceeding to Mesopotamia he was sent to India, together with Captain Mahon, to get together the Battalion's baggage, and rejoined at Mosul in January, 1920. He accompanied the Battalion to India in 1921, and was promoted to Warrant Officer Class 1 in August, 1921.

In his early days he was a notable athlete in the Battalion. As a sprinter he had few equals, and he shone in most track events. He annexed the Battalion Championship in the Regimental Sports in 1909, in which year he won both the 100 yards and 440 yards.

He has always been a regular member of the Sergeants' Mess Hockey Team, and a more fearless and resolute tackler as a half-back it would be difficult to find.

Much of his labour of recent years has been devoted to the welfare of the junior ranks, in whom he has always been so keenly interested. His efforts in the re-organisation of the Battalion have not been in vain, and he leaves the 2nd Battalion in the knowledge that the N.C.O.'s of the Regiment are equal to the best that upheld the tradition in the old days. May he have a happy and successful career in civil life, is the earnest wish of all those who were privileged to know him and who came under his able, willing and guiding hand.

"TALLFELLER."

No. 4256056 C.S.M. G. PROPHET.

In placing pen to paper in an endeavour to record the service of No. 4256056 C.S.M. G. Prophet, who left the 2nd Battalion on 12th November, 1924, for discharge to U.K., after a period of 21 years' service, the writer of this biography recalls with a great deal of respect that he, as a young soldier, was one of the many who have been befriended by as staunch a Fusilier, and as sincere a friend, as one could ever wish to meet in the Regiment. No eulogy which I can here write is too great for his kindness to every young soldier who passed through his hands, and it is such as he who leave behind them a lasting recollection of the qualities called for from a real Fusilier. To be a helpmate and benefactor is indeed a truly noble virtue.

Enlisting at Manchester on the 27th November, 1903, he joined the 2nd Battalion at Gravesend from the Depôt in December, and from there proceeded to Aldershot. In February, 1906, he was posted to the 1st Battalion at Calcutta, and served at Peshawar, Rawal Pindi, Deolali and Mhow, remaining with the Battalion until it proceeded home in 1913. Volunteering to remain in India, he joined the 2nd Battalion at Ambala in the same year. He came home with the latter Battalion for service on the Western Front in the Great War, and was captured in the second Battle of Ypres on 8th May, 1915. It was during this terrific engagement that he was awarded the Russian Medal of St. George (1st Class) for bravery in the Field, in that although wounded and all Officers had become casualties he remained in the trenches and carried on. He was repatriated from Leewarden (Friesland) as an invalid interned prisoner of war, and joined the Depôt for duty in January, 1919, performing the duty of C.S.M. No. 1 Company until all was cleared up after the Great War. The many arduous tasks which fell upon him in those busy days are well known to all and sundry. Only the ripest of experience could have coped with the many situations that he was confronted with in those trying times. That he succeeded is ample testimony to the efficiency of his work. He afterwards became a Standard Squad Instructor, and next appeared on the 1st Cadre Platoon, where he became so well known to all present-day Fusiliers. In 1922 he volunteered to serve again in India, and rejoined the 2nd Battalion at Dinapore in March.

From the above record it will thus be seen that most of his service has been spent abroad—a fact which cannot be readily overlooked in assessing the merit of any soldier. During his service in India he was for two years employed with the Calcutta Volunteer Rifles as an Instructor. He was also employed as N.C.O. i/c. Mineral Water Factory at Peshawar, and, not being a staunch teetotaler himself, he became particularly well known on this account.

He was present at the Delhi Durbar in 1911, and formed one of the Guard of Honour to King George—but failed to obtain a medal. He took part in the Mohmand Expedition in 1908, but, unfortunately, again failed to be rewarded with a medal—this time owing to dates. One of his most coveted honours, and of which he was always proud to boast, was the fact that he was on parade on each occasion when the present Colours carried by the 1st and 2nd Battalions were presented—the Colours of the 1st Battalion by King George at the Delhi Durbar in 1911, and the Colours of the 2nd Battalion by Lord Hardinge, Viceroy of India, at Sabatha, in May, 1914.

During his 21 years he has served under the following Colonels :—C. Lambton, E. W. Dashwood, Sir Percy Wilkinson, C. H. L. James, D. Sapte, S. H. Enderby and H. R. Sandilands.

Particularly keen at games, he has played hockey and Rugby football for both 1st and 2nd Batt. Teams, and hockey and Rugby for the Company since 1908. As a Corporal he played in the Regimental Billiards Team, and last year won the Sergeants' Mess Billiards Handicap Cup.

C.S.M. G. PROPHET.

Prophet was a Lancashire lad, and, like all folk from the Palatine County, he was a merry-maker. His hearty and

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irresistible laugh was amongst the best things to be heard in the Sergeants' Mess, and was almost as traditional as his good work for the Regiment.

Practically the whole of the composition of the 2nd Battalion have come under his able care and guidance as Recruits, and it is they, as much as the older soldiers with whom he served in pre-war days, who deplore his loss to the Regiment.

That he leaves the Service taking with him the heart of every rank down to the smallest drummer boy, is the greatest token of respect which I can pay to a genial character.

"TALLFELLER."

DEPOT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

23rd December, 1924.

To write successfully on life at a given place during a given period one would imagine that it would be necessary to have been there oneself for the greater part of the time, and this theory is borne out by the profound truth that we at the Depôt do not write the 2nd Battalion Notes; nor does the 7th Battalion recount the monthly doings of the 1st, or the 1st write eulogies on the "Prudhoe Guards." Even the 5th and 6th —whose territories are so remarkably adjacent to one another— do not swell the *Gazette* with odes to ——; but why labour the point? All we wish to establish is, that these notes are written by one who has been away from the Depôt for months: copy is consequently hard to come by, and the following fictions or half-truths not up to the high standard of strangeness which, month after month, is maintained in these notes.

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One truth we can produce, however, although there doesnt, seem to be anything particularly strange about it. It is that we are all sorry to have said good-bye to Captain and Mrs. Baxter, and that they are sadly missed. Those who have been

here throughout his tour of duty know Captain Baxter's influence on the efficiency, well-being, boxing and cricket of succes-

sive generations of recruits. We wish them the best of luck for the future.

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We welcome Captain Waight, who arrived at the beginning of the month, and has taken command of the Recruit Company.

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This has been a year of many departures and arrivals, among the Officers especially, and it is estimated that in no volume of *St. George's Gazette* has the well-worn phrase "the Depôt's loss is the —— Battalion's gain," or *vice versa*, appeared as many times as in volume XLII. In condemning these notes as unfit for publication, the Editor will doubtless remember, to our credit, that we have refrained from using it on two possible occasions, and thus lowered the average.

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The 1st Battalion correspondent will be the next to use it, as there is still a vacant place in our ranks for a subaltern, which must be filled by the Battalion on the Rhine. The last one of us to see the 1st, when he brought them a draft the other day, returned with the impression that there is a certain bashfulness among them in applying for the position. A natural and becoming hesitancy, when one considers the qualities necessary for one who is to have a successful "tour" here.

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Apart from a burning "zeal for the Service"—as the late Capt. Cuthbertson would say—and a complete knowledge of every branch of the military art, he must combine a distinguished and handsome mien—for reproduction at any moment, and usually under circumstances of stress, in *The Illustrated Chronicle*—with great charm of manner and a soft, persuasive voice, for use on inspecting Officers. In addition he must be able to hunt, beagle and dance for the edification or amusement of the County; play rugger, in order to train a team up to the standard of the 68th, who have taken up the game with success this season; be absolutely single, and have an in-

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satiable appetite for leave. Above all, he must be capable of writing these notes.

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Small wonder that there is a certain blushing coyness among those who may be called upon to take their places among us!

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Beagling is taking up a great deal of our attention now, and we are represented at every meet by at least two members of the Mess. It's having a marked effect on our appearance and habits. A lean, hungry, herring-gutted appearance, and the habit of moving from and to our "places of duty" at a steady, loping gait, which, though effective enough for devouring distance, is disturbing for the troops.

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Our most successful run was after the special bus which takes us to the meet. Its favourite form is in Eldon Square, but that was blank when we got there. However, we followed a hot scent to Barras Bridge, where the line was completely obscured owing to the innumerable fresh buses encountered there. To them, and to the fact that the meet and our special bus had been cancelled.

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It will be gathered from the tone of these notes, that this has been an uneventful month, and that there is no possible excuse for their continuation. We therefore wish everyone all good fortune for the coming year, and promise not to perpetrate anything like this again.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,

23rd December, 1924.

We hope that by the time these notes appear in print all past and present Fusiliers will have enjoyed the happiest Christmas possible wherever the Fates ordained that they should find themselves on this day of Good-will.

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May the New Year bring with it more than its due measure of prosperity and success for all of us, and especially for those of our former comrades who for any reason have fallen on hard times.

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The Courses at the Regimental Depôt have been completed, and a number of N.C.O.'s have benefitted greatly by their visits to Fenham Barracks.

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The Unveiling of the 6th Battalion War Memorial in Newcastle, on 28th November, was attended by several Officers of the Battalion, including the C.O., Major Williams, Captains Wood and Peacock and Mr. Gibson. R.Q.M.S. Connell was also present.

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There have been a number of very instructive lectures given during the month in Newcastle, which a few of the officers have attended. One of especial interest was that on the "Situation in the Near East," given by the Commander-in-Chief, on 17th December, 1924.

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On 6th December the officers of the Battalion, in full force, proceeded to Harrogate for a Battalion Tactical Exercise, which was carried out on Sunday, 7th December. The Exercise was conducted by Lt.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., and Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E. All except two of the officers of the Battalion were present—a very creditable turn-out. The Exercise was very instructive and everyone voted the visit a thoroughly enjoyable one.

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The Permanent Staff have all become very keen on "Coursing," and have spent most of the month dodging about from Enfield to Hythe, and Hythe to the Depôt, and from the Depôt to the County Recruiting Office, and so on.

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The Adjutant was very pleased with the "Course" which he was invited by "Y" Coy. to visit at Blenkinsop during the month. He is again convalescent.

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The Battalion is still nearly a hundred under strength, and everybody should make a special effort to get some recruits before the Drill Season commences.

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The Company Classes will have commenced at the different Drill Halls by the time these notes appear in print, and it is hoped that this year they will be carried through with rather more enthusiasm than inspired some of them last year.

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At the time of going to press, Christmas greetings have been received from the following:—

Lt.-Col. A. C. L. Hardman Jones and the Officers, 1st Batt.; Lt.-Col. H. R. Sandilands and the Officers, 2nd Batt.; the Officers, 7th Battalion.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

We have had a very quiet time since our last notes were written, and except for a very pleasant "tactical" week-end at Harrogate, I do not think there is anything to record.

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Our effort to capture one or more of the County Miniature Range Trophies takes place on the 22nd December, but in spite of a certain amount of practice we are only showing "fair" form. Of course, being near Christmas time, we may find the umpire in a good mood, and this may help us a little.

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Our local band seems determined to effectively disturb the peace of the village this Christmas, but if only they forget to play some of those mournful carols at the writer's house he will be very thankful.

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We have now officially said good-bye to our R.S.M. (Wodehouse), and can only hope that he lives long and happily to enjoy the use of the silver cigarette case which we presented to him. Our official parting took place at an impromptu gathering in our Drill Hall on 6th December.

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The start of the Winter Classes is due for the first week in January, and we are hoping to get good attendances.

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When our Instructor-Sergt. Wixon returns on 21st December, we hope to hear all the latest tips from Hythe, and to reap the benefit of his experience. We also hope there will be on more courses for him until after the Company Classes are finished.

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We received an unexpected visit from the Secretary and Architect of the County Association the other day, and hope they were satisfied with all they saw.

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Fortunately our hall is in good order with the exception of the sergeants' room, which we hope will be improved as the result of their visit.

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Perhaps the next Drill Hall built at Haltwhistle will have only one roof instead of two as at present. It is hoped that the gutters will then clean themselves !

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

The Battalion Sergeants' Mess Dinner was held at Prudhoe Drill Hall on 22nd November, and was well attended by Officers and Sergeants of this Detachment. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

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On the 29th November, Captains Watson, Wood, Peacock, Mr. Gibson, and R.Q.M.S. Connell attended the unveiling by Sir P. S. Wilkinson, of the 6th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers (T.A.) War Memorial in the grounds of St. Thomas's Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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"W," "X," and H.Q. Wing Officers attended the Battalion Tactical Scheme for Officers, held at Harrogate on the 6th and 7th of this month. It is rumoured that one syndicate is at present living in a condition of "fear and trembling" at the frightful prospect of probably receiving a strong chit from Battalion Headquarters, saying that it is a bit thick when the Q.M. leads the way in tactical brilliance, or at any rate words to that effect.

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Xmas is close upon us, as it probably will be with others, and we have indented for our Xmas cards. Unfortunately this year, owing to the lack of employment in this district, Yuletide celebrations will be restricted for many members of this Detachment.

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The third monthly meeting of the Newburn Detachment Branch of the Captains' Confederation brought forth an interesting lecture on "Past and Present and Probable Future Methods for Military Inspections." In the Stone Age, inter-racial warfare was practically unknown, and nearly all the fighting was the result of inter-family and individual hatred, usually due to questions of food and matrimony. The original invention of weapons was due to the inadequacy of the human hands for catching fish, birds and animals. Military training at that period was unknown, but the individual use of hunting weapons brought forth competition and eventually "sport" was forthcoming, which probably merely consisted in the expert use of weapons. Probably the first inspection ever held was just before the first armed duel took place, when the referee would no doubt ascertain that both stone axes were equal in size and weight, or that both bludgeons contained the same number of projecting nails, and that spiked running shoes were not worn by the combatants. Thus we have the introduction to inspections, which later became very important, and which in some cases were directly responsible for some of our outstanding historical episodes. For instance, the activities of Caracticus and Boadicea might have been considerably curtailed if they had inspected their troops and thus found out their lack of armaments in time. If Pope Gregory had not closely inspected the English slaves in the Roman Market, we might have still been under the impression that "Angles" were not "Angels." King Alfred was always keenly interested in the welfare and comfort of his troops, and one winter's day he entered the billet of one of his soldiers disguised as a beggar, so that he might inspect and taste the type of food upon which his army existed. Unfortunately he suffered rebuke and chastisement at the hands of the landlady. Wat Tyler might have lived to a ripe old age if his craze for inspecting horse-flesh and trappings had not lead him to a misconstrued interest in the Boy King's charger. If Edward I. had inspected the Welsh Mountains he might have discovered that there were numerous "cubby holes" wherein Welshmen could hide, but which were small enough to refuse admittance to ponderous British armour. Later methods of inspection may be divided into "General Inspections" and "Daily Inspections." A general inspection has always been more or less the same—*i.e.*, a broad survey of formations and a few kindly words afterwards. Daily inspections are those practised by junior officers and N.C.O.'s. The nineteenth century form of inspection was to pounce suddenly upon a soldier and demand a display of all his garments and intimate belongings. The twentieth century method has varied from (1) a close perusal of soldiers' accoutrements, to (2) what I call a distant view. The latter was brought about in recent years, when it was calculated that if the inspecting officer stood a few paces back from his men, he could survey a whole man at a time, in one long, lingering glance. The 5/68th Regimental Depôt improved on this by maintaining that the inspecting officer should stand many yards away, cock his head at various angles, shut each eye alternatively, and thus get a complete view, after the manner of an artist surveying his work on his easel. If this sort of thing continues, the future may see each inspecting subaltern standing a few hundred

yards away from his platoon, obtaining a concentrated view through a telescope, as shown in the accompanying sketch, or

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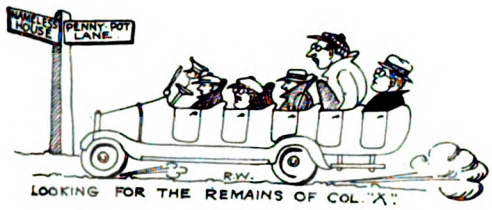
there is even the possibility that he might ascend in an aeroplane for a bird's-eye view.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

After fourteen days' absence, C.S.M. West has returned to us, full of knowledge and wisdom. We understand that during



his stay at Enfield he has " passed out " in the rather intricate business of filing spiders' webs—this yarn has been heard before and, like several others, was taken with a pinch of salt—now, however, there can be no doubt about it. In passing, we rather wonder if George has ever tried this interesting and lucrative hobby !

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We might mention, by the way, that " Knocker " has also done a " Recruiting Course " ; we expect astonishing results if and when the next recruit comes along.

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The Sergeants' Mess Dinner passed off with due pomp and circumstance, and we noted that " Y " Coy. (Champion Company) had *not* joined the R.A.T.A. Whilst on this subject, we would like to enquire as to where the " Specialist " Officers hide themselves on these occasions ?

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The usual crowd of " Pontoon experts " proceeded to Harrogate for the Battalion Tactical Exercise—we do not agree with the " Board " on many points, but I think we all agreed that at least they have the one good point of waging war in pleasant places. As is more or less usual, this tactical exercise was not without incident. We heard vague rumours of champagne, pins and " Winox "—the connection is not at all clear—but it seemed to give certain highly respectable officers a vast amount of amusement. It would be better perhaps to draw a veil over the wait at Thirsk on the return journey.

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It is understood that certain members of the " Watch Committee " and " Captains' Confederation " are putting their heads together and discussing the question of transport during Annual Training. It is quite understood that a " Regimental Coach " is not allowed, but the scheme which is now being hatched will, it is hoped, evolve something far superior to a coach ! We understand at the moment that the estimated cost per officer participating will be somewhere between £2 and £2 10s.—and that's that ! (The suggested beer barrel attachment will, of course, add to the cost.)

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P.S.—We are still trying to think of something really pungent to say to Newburn.

6TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

RIPON,

30th December, 1924.

The chief event since our last notes has been the unveiling of the Battalion War Memorial, which took place on Saturday, the 29th November, 1924.

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The Memorial is a figure of St. George, by Mr. J. M. W. Reid, A.R.C.A., Master of Sculpture, King Edward VII. School of Art, Armstrong College, and the Architects for the work were Messrs. Cackett and Burns Dick, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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The figure of St. George is striking and artistic, and presents an impressive reminder not only of the sacrifice but of the

victory. In depicting St. George, the sculptor has departed from the usual militant conception of the Patron Saint of England, and has shown him in the attitude of having slain the dragon whose head lies at his feet. With his right hand he thrusts the sword into the scabbard, the combat being over. It is a matter of interest, too, that the scuptor has copied faithfully the armour for his figure from what is believed to be the oldest complete set of armour in the Tower of London, which, it is believed, belonged to the period of the middle of the XVth century.

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The Memorial is very striking, and facing, as it does, the top of Northumberland Street, it will be on the line of march of the Battalion almost every time the unit proceeds from its

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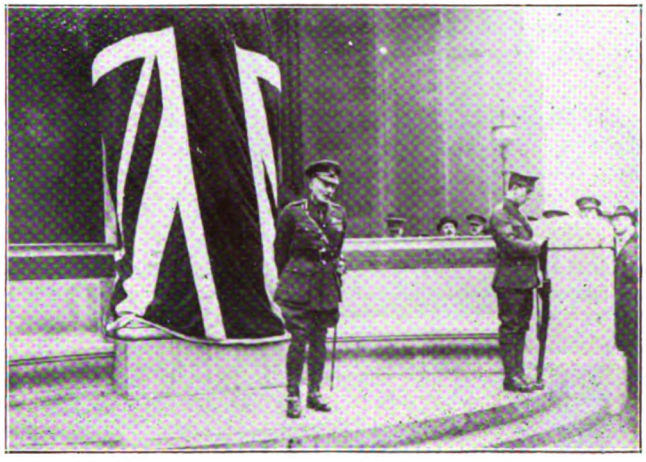
headquarters, St. George's Drill Hall. The figure is mounted on a semi-circular stone base, which provides seating accommo-



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dation, and to which is affixed a plate bearing the following inscription :—

> "To the Memory of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 6th (Territorial Battalion) Northumberland Fusiliers, who gave their lives in the Great War."

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The unveiling ceremony was performed by Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel of the Regiment.

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An escort for the Colour paraded under the command of Captain F. Dawson, M.C., and the Colour was carried by the senior subaltern, Lieut. J. L. Challoner.

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The present members of the Battalion paraded under the command of Major G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., and the following Officers of the Battalion were on parade :—Majors W. J. Harrison and W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C. ; Capts. G. F. Bell, F. C. Clayton, M.C., T. P. Parmeter ; Lieuts. Graham, Rutherford, Carrick, Hobbs, Wilson and Criddle ; and Capt. and Q.M. J. R. Johnson.

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Amongst the other units on parade were a detachment from the Depôt, 5th Fusiliers, under the command of Capt. C. G. Arkwright, M.C. ; a detachment of the R.A.M.C., under the command of Col. J. W. Craven, M.C. ; Allan's School Cadet Unit, under the command of Col. F. W. Brewer ; 1st Cadet Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers, under the command of Lt.-Col. G. Clayton, D.S.O. ; and, in addition, ex-service members of the Battalion paraded to a strength of over 200. Capt. and Adjutant Trenham, O.B.E., M.C., 5th Fusiliers, was in charge of the general arrangements at the Memorial.

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General Sir Percy Wilkinson was accompanied to the Memorial by Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., commanding the Battalion ; the Lord Mayor (Councillor Walter Lee) ; the Sheriff (Councillor John Grantham) ; the Under-Sheriff (Mr. T. H. Smirk) ; the Acting Town Clerk (Mr. Hill Motum) ; Councillor T. W. Rowe (Chariman of the Newcastle Corporation Parks Committee), and the Chief Constable (Dr. J. B. Wright).

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Amongst others present were :—Major-General Dudgeon, C.B., commanding the 50th Division ; Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., commanding the 149th Brigade ; Col. E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; the Colonels and Adjutants of the 4th, 5th and 7th Battalions ; and there was a very numerous attendance of ex-officers of the Battalion and relatives and friends of the fallen, and the general public.

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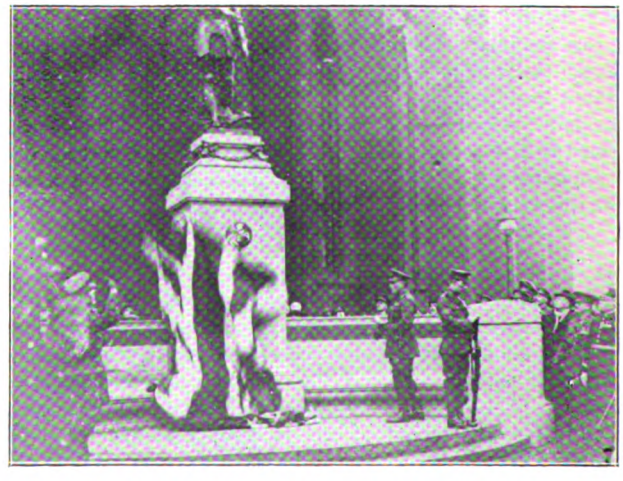
After unveiling the Memorial, General Wilkinson made the following speech :—

"Colonel Rogers, Officers, Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers and Men of the 6th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers —standing, as we do to-day, at the foot of your War Memorial, I feel that I am addressing not only the present and past members of the Battalion, but also your fellow citizens of this ancient City of Newcastle. For you are the City Battalion, and your history and your deeds are a part of the life of this great community. You are also a unit in your County Regiment, and as such this Memorial to your fallen comrades is for remembrance by all true Northumbrians.

"I can conceive of no more fitting site for your Memorial than this spot on which we stand, as within a few yards of us is written the history of the Battalion.

"It is in the heart of the City in which you were raised some 65 years ago—in front of it is the South African Memorial, which commemorates the deeds of the County Units in that campaign, the first campaign in which you were called to the assistance of your Country in the time of its need ; and within these precincts is yet another record, that living representation of the great spirit of this City—'THE RUSH TO THE COLOURS' —the rush that filled your ranks and overflowed into other



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and new units, until your Regiment had no less than 50 battalions under its flag of St. George.

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"In 1914, when the great Call came, practically the whole Battalion volunteered for service overseas, under Col. Spain.

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Your training for war was more than mere ordinary Peace training, as you formed a part of the Coast defences and had many trying nights in the trenches.

"On the 20th April, 1915, you went to France, and on 26th April came your real baptism of fire—the attack on St. Julien—in that great action, when the weak British Army was fighting not only immensely superior forces, but a new and horrible engine of war, poison gas, yet the Germans were held, their hope for break-through was stopped, and never again to the end of the war did they approach so near to the town of Ypres. The situation was saved. But at what cost to the Battalion! Your losses in that operation were 18 officers and 500 other ranks—over 50 per cent.—and that was your first action in the Great War—losses sufficient to dishearten any seasoned troops, but it only seems to have stiffened your determination.

"By May 2nd you were again beating off a gas attack, and during the rest of that month and during June and July were holding the difficult lines of Sanctuary Wood, and then the Messines Sector, and so it was all through the war up to the end of the Spring of 1918.

"A long spell in the Hill 60 trenches in 1916, then the winter of 1916–17, in the mud and blood of the Somme, perhaps the worst period of a war whose horrors almost exceed the power of imagination. Next, Arras, with its stern fighting and its many successes for our Arms. Houthoulst Forest and then Paschendaele, where the ghastly conditions and losses equalled those of the Somme, and, in 1918, St. Quentin, the Battle of the Lys and Estaires, and finally the Battle of the Aisne.

"These are wonderful records of human endurance and bravery, under conditions almost undescribable.

"Be proud of it, you who served; be proud of it, you new generation in the ranks; above all, you Citizens of Newcastle, be proud of your City Battalion."

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After the unveiling ceremony, the Rev. Canon T. E. Crawhall, D.S.O., T.D., M.A., formerly Chaplain of the Battalion, offered prayer, after which one minute's silence was observed. On the termination of the period of silence, the Band of the Battalion, under Bandmstr. W. A. Crosse, played Chopin's "Marche Funebre," on the conclusion of which the buglers sounded the "Last Post" and the "Reveille."

The Lord Mayor then accepted the memorial on behalf of the City, on the invitation of Lt.-Col. Rogers, and placed a wreath of red and white roses at the foot of the figure as a token of the City's remembrance.

The ceremony ended with the laying on of wreaths by representatives of the City Battalion, various naval and military units, relatives of deceased officers, non-commissioned officers and men, and the playing of the National Anthem.

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The Officers' Shoot took place at Ponteland on Sunday, the 30th November, and Lieut. J. L. Challoner won the cup very easily. Hearty congratulations, and it is interesting to know that he is following in the footsteps of his father, who in his time was a famous rifle shot.

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On Sunday, the 7th December, an interesting Brigade Staff Ride, directed by the Brigade Commander, was held at Hexham, and there was a very good turn out of Officers of this Battalion The problems set were the same as in the promotion examination from Captain to Major for Regular officers, and the Brigadier was very complimentary as to the way the problems were tackled and solved.

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We welcome to the Battalion 2nd-Lieut. C. B. Gillespie, late Uppingham O.T.C., and it is only hoped that he will follow the footsteps of his father, who commanded the 7th Battalion for a good many years. We feel sure, however, that the sport of the Battalion will be enhanced by his presence, and we feel sure also that he will not regret having joined the Battalion. Whether the demands of the Subalterns Union will be too much for him will probably always remain a mystery, at any rate to the writer of these notes.

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The Sergeants gave their annual dinner at the Crown Hotel, Newcastle, on the 13th December, and very successful it was. There was a good beat-up of Officers of the Battalion, and the Brigadier, the Brigade Major, and two old friends of the Battalion, Col. E. W. Pinkney, D.S.O., T.D., and Capt. J. M. McKenzie, O.B.E., M.C., were also present, also the Deputy Lord Mayor of Newcastle. During the course of the evening, the Colonel presented R.S.M. Dresser, on behalf of the Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of the Battalion, with a handsome clock as a memento on his leaving the Battalion. Sgt.-Major Dresser goes into retirement at the end of the year, and we wish him all luck. He has served the Battalion faithfully and well, and we are glad to think that he is as sorry to leave as we are to lose him.

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We hear that there are three new subalterns in the offing—all Public School O.T.C. men and good sportsmen. Their advent, we feel sure, will help to keep up the *esprit de corps* which has so greatly impressed our Brigadier, and to which he laid strong emphasis at the Sergeants' annual dinner.

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7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
23rd December, 1924.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. W. E. R. Fuller and Mr. M. Robson, on first commissions.

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2nd-Lieut. G. H. Green has completed his initial course at the Depôt, Newcastle; and 2nd-Lieut. Fuller did the first portion of his course there from 17th to 30th November.

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It is pleasing to note that extensions of tour of duty with the Permanent Staff have been granted to R.S.M. Rowsell, M.S.M., and C.S.M. Bradford, to December next year and February, 1926, respectively.

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Col. Wright, Major Trench, Capt. Watson, and Lieut. and Qmr. Adlard attended a lecture on 2nd instant at Newcastle, by Lt.-Col. Gayer Anderson, R.A.

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Interesting lectures have been delivered during the month at Headquarters by Col. Wright and the Adjutant, to Officers and N.C.O.'s of "A," "B" and "C" Companies.

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Sgt.-Instructors Timbers and Loder have returned from Hythe after having undergone a strenuous course.

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N.C.O.'s who have recently been undergoing courses of a fortnight at the Depôt, Newcastle, include:—Cpls. J. V. Taylor and R. Lee, Berwick; Lce.-Cpls. J. Costello and G. Dryden, Morpeth; Cpls. J. E. Guy, J. V. Taylor, Lce.-Cpls. J. Hogg and E. Charlton, Amble.

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"C" Company are to give the proceeds of their monthly whist drive and dance on 16th January towards Alnwick Infirmary.

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Major Smail, Capts. Mackay and McCreath attended the annual ball of the Coldstream Detachment, 4th Batt. K.O.S. Borderers, on Friday, 19th instant.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st December, 1924.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, and 1921.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

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Letter to the Editor.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
31st December, 1924.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st October and 31st December, 1924, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
P.R.I. Depôt, 5th Fus.—confiscated from gamblers ..	0	5	4
Lt.-Col. W. H. Ritson, C.M.G., V.D.	2	2	0
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Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col),
Secretary and Treasurer.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH DIVISION DINNER CLUB.

The Club is formed to keep up old friendships by arranging for an annual dinner, at which Officers who served in the Division may meet each other.

It has been arranged that the Annual Dinner shall take place at The Imperial Restaurant, Regent Street, London, on the Friday nearest to the 15th April, unless that day happens to be Good Friday, in which case the Dinner will take place on the following Friday.

The Newcastle Dinner will take place at Tilley's Restaurant on the first Saturday in December. Notifications will be sent to members, but they are invited to keep these dates always free so that they may be able by their presence to assist in attaining the objects of the Club.

THE BRITISH ARMY ABROAD.

TOUR OF FOREIGN SERVICE.

WAR OFFICE,
14th November, 1924.

An amendment of the King's Regulations states that the periods of the year at which it is desirable that troops should reach or leave stations abroad are as follows:—Bermuda, China and Malaya, Mauritius, West Coast of Africa and West Indies, September to March; India and Iraq, and Ceylon, end of September to end of March; Mediterranean (including Egypt and Palestine), any time.

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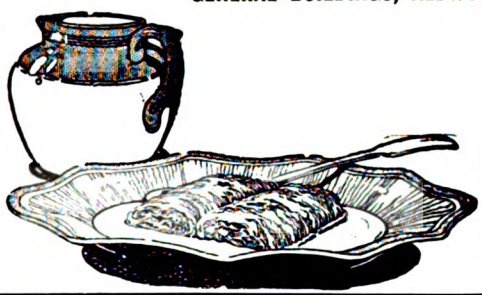

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A SUBALTERN'S DREAM.

I wake at eight and light a "fag" and gaze into the "blue,"
And ruminate and cogitate on what I'm going to do.
At nine I rise and shave and wash and, mayhap, blow my nose;
Then gradually and gracefully I get into my clothes.
And now I wander Messwards—and then wonder if I'm last?
And leisurely and silently do I then break my fast.

At twelve o'clock I think it time to see my men at work;
And woe betide the N.C.O. or man who dares to shirk.
I see them at their musketry—perhaps a little drill;
At twelve-fifteen I let them go—I think they've had their "fill."
Now across to Orderly Room to see what's going on;
I mention all the work I've done—the C.O. answers "Bon!"

By this time I am hungry, and I hie me back to Mess
And eat a very hearty lunch—others deserve it less.
And then a smoke, and then a nap, and then I change for sports,
And wander to the cricket field and watch friends making "noughts."
At four-thirty I have some tea, and then I take a stroll,
And think of Life and Men and Things—methinks I've got a Soul!

Then back to dress and then to Mess—the day is nearly past;
A little chat, a game of bridge—the evening goeth fast.
And now to bed, I'm well content—the day has been quite pleasant; To-morrow I am going North to pot the wily pheasant.

But then I wake: it's six-fifteen! I must be up and working;
From seven to five I've got to strive—our C.O. stands no shirking.

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"BILLY" (WILLIAM) PURVIS OF THE HEXHAM MILITIA.

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William Purvis was born in Scotland, at the little village of Auchindinny, seven miles from Edinburgh, on the 13th January, 1784.

At the age of two years his parents removed to Newcastle, and there took up their abode in a house situated in the Close; in the which house Billy continued to live, at various periods when not on tour, till the end of his days.

At the age of six years he went to Mr. Sessford's School, in the Castle Garth, Newcastle, where after the judicious use of the birch and cane, "which are sad drawbacks on the precocity of natural talent, and after sundry shifts from one Master of Arts to another," his course of education was considered complete, and he left that seat of learning to be occupied by "others less clever than himself."

His appearances before the public as an actor were, at the

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commencement, spasmodic. He first entertained his workmates in the carpenter's shop by tight-rope walking. Purvis relates the incident in the following words:—"I soon found that I could stand on one leg, and one afternoon during working hours I 'tried it on' before my fellow apprentices. 'Lucka! lucka! lucka here! I called. 'By George! I can stand on one leg. See, mon! Ah! By Gor'!'" These exclamations were cut short by the inopportune application of "my master's hand to my right ear. He had returned unseen by myself."

Purvis used, however, to continue these amateur performances in the evenings to a select audience of ardent admirers. Later he travelled as a professional clown, and had visions of becoming a second Grimaldi, a conjuror and a performer on the Union pipes. Ultimately he settled down (*circa* 1818) as the proprietor of a travelling theatre.

With his theatre he wandered from town to town, many thousands of miles throughout the northern counties of England, and also in Scotland. So familiar a figure was Purvis in these northern districts, that his name became a household word, and few men in his station of life have been so genuinely popular.

It is not, however, with him as the actor that we wish to deal, but rather with him as the soldier and the militiaman.

At the age of ten years, *viz* in 1794, Billy Purvis entered the Newcastle Loyal Independent Gentlemen Volunteers, then being formed, as a drummer. The personnel of this Corps consisted entirely of gentlemen and respectable tradesmen of the town, who at their own expense provided themselves with accoutrements and clothing.

Drummers were, of course, required for the Corps, and the Drum Major of the West York Militia had been appointed to make the selection. Previously, however, the town had been placarded with notices to the effect that boys from ten to twelve years were eligible as drummers for the new Corps. This had appealed to Billy, though his parents were strongly opposed to his joining the Militia, but eventually agreed, after much talking, to his doing so. They imagined that if he were permitted to join the Corps of the Newcastle Volunteers he could be transferred to any Regular Militia at the will and pleasure of superiors. This, of course, was not the case.

He says: "I succeeded in coaxing my mother to go with me, which she did on the following day at 10 o'clock, where I was duly elected along with four other young lads belonging to Newcastle. Their names were John Grey, Ralph Peel, William Adamson and William Smithson." These, it will be noticed, are all good Northumbrian surnames. Here he learned the mysteries of the "rolling drum." Purvis says: "For myself I thought I had nothing to do but commence the tattoo immediately, but the drum major took me down a peg, and my first lessons in 'Daddy-Mammy' were got through with great applause."

On his attaining the age of sixteen years he was apprenticed as a house carpenter and joiner to Mr. John Chapman, a freeman of Newcastle, and to him Billy was indentured, thus attaining his "freelage" by service. He continued this form of occupation during the day, and at night ran a dancing class at the "Chancellor's Head," an Inn in Newgate Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

In the year 1812, Mr. Crawhall, who had formerly held high rank in the Newcastle Volunteers, asked Billy to accept the post of Drum Major in the Hexham Local Militia. Here, again, there was opposition to his joining the forces, but this time it was much stronger. Not only were his parents opposed to his doing so, but so also were his wife and friends.

However, Mr. Crawhall used the very eloquent persuasive powers of three golden sovereigns and the promise of work at his own trade at Hexham. Billy thus reinforced soon overcame the combined forces of the opposition.

Mr. Crawhall sent him to Lt.-Col. Carr, who commanded the Hexham Local Militia. The Colonel introduced Purvis to the Adjutant, a Mr. Dixon, and also to Rowland Bell, the Master of the Band.

Mr. Crawhall had also instructed Purvis to call upon a Mr. Nicholson, a joiner, in Hexham, who would give him employment. This Mr. Nicholson did all the work for the officers and gentlemen resident in the neighbourhood of Hexham. To him Purvis went, and in due course he was installed at one of Mr. Nicholson's benches.

He had been in Hexham about six months when the arms and accoutrements arrived, and the Militia received orders to stand by in readiness to receive them. In the meantime, however, some place had to be found in which to place them: so Nicholson was commissioned to erect a temporary depôt in which to house the arms, and Purvis, of course, had to help in its erection *during the day*, and train his 10 drummers and 10 fifers in the evenings. There was one drummer and one fifer for each company in the Battalion.

He was given six weeks in which to train these 20 embryo musicians, and turn them into worthy exponents of the drum and fife. His bandsmen were all young lads who, with the exception of one boy fifer, were totally ignorant of the rudiments of music. However, when the Adjutant ordered Purvis to have his drummers and fifers ready for inspection on a certain Sunday morning, he and his musicians were there and formed up, on the Tyne Green, punctually to the minute.

They went through the various musical evolutions on their drums and fifes in grand style. The "Troop," "Retreat," "Tattoo," etc., were performed with a wonderful exactness and dexterity: a something one would have associated only with long practice and laborious tuition.

The Colonel and the assembled Officers were astonished, says the report; and Mr. Dixon, the Adjutant, in an impressive speech, said: "I have been for a considerable number of years connected with military matters, and know something of the time and labour requisite to render the fifes and drums anything like perfect, but I must say Mr. Purvis has completed his task in a way highly creditable to himself and gratifying to us all."

At the conclusion, Colonel Beaumont, the inspecting officer, handed Purvis a guinea and personally thanked him for the successful way in which he had trained the boys.

The next day, Monday, the Battalion, which was about 1000 strong, was embodied for about three weeks' duty, and as a result practically the whole of the manhood of Hexham and District was in arms.

Such a body would present a very formidable appearance, and Purvis is reported as saying: "And what a fine regiment! Why, you might have picked three Grenadier Companies out of them. They *were* Whappers!" He was proud of the Regiment, and the Regiment was proud of its Drum Major. He was with them for three and a half years. By his actions and his dialect he never failed to prove himself as devoted a Northumbrian as one could wish to meet.

He died on the 16th December, 1853, at the age of 69. He was a famous player of the Union Pipes—or modern Irish bag-pipes blown by a bellows—but there is no record which I have been able to find showing that he ever used, in the Regiment, this one of his many accomplishments. In other words, he is not spoken of as a regimental piper.

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We reprint this interesting article from *The Times* of Saturday, 20th December, 1924, which will interest all 5th Fusiliers who have not seen it.

KNELLER HALL.

The Making of a Bandmaster.

Colonel Somerville's Achievement.

In accordance with that mysterious working of the military machine which the civilian mind contemplates but can never comprehend, Colonel J. A. Somerville retires at the end of this year from the position of Commandant of the Royal Military School of Music (Kneller Hall), after barely five years' work in that capacity. *Who's Who* tells us that he is 52 years of age, that is to say a year or two older than Sir Hugh Allen was when he became Director of the Royal College of Music, and actually four years younger than Mr. J. B. McEwen, who succeeded to the Principalship of the Royal Academy of Music this year.

Both these gentlemen were present at a dinner of the Kneller Hall Club on Monday, when Colonel Somerville took the chair as Commandant and founder of the Club, for the second and last time. Both had much to say for the unique work which Colonel Somerville has done to fortify the scheme of musical education for bandmasters at Kneller Hall, and both laid stress on the fact that the music given by military bands must play a very important part in forming the taste for better or worse of large masses of the civilian population. It was Mr. McEwen who pointed out that concerts have very little influence in the formation of anyone's taste, because only those who have a taste already formed in one direction or another attend them. The performances of military bands in London parks and on seaside piers reach thousands of people who never hear any other music worth the name.

Colonel Somerville is a man of burning musical enthusiasms and, what is equally important, he has the power to set other people alight with them. Under him Kneller Hall has been much more than an efficient unit of the Service. It has proved itself as an artistic institution. Eminent composers like Vaughan Williams and Holst have been moved by it to write for the military band. Others have gladly transcribed their works, or got them transcribed, and conducted performances of them in the grounds of Kneller Hall. The great exposition given by massed bands at Wembley this year showed the strides both in repertory and in standard of performance which the military bands have been making recently. To Londoners, whose associations with such bands are chiefly connected with the Brigade of Guards on State occasions the implications of this may not be very apparent. They may wonder what there is to improve. But when one meets bandmasters of less distinguished corps, as the writer did the other day, and hears from them the difficulties they have to face in maintaining any sort of musical standard at all, it is possible to realise what an inspiration it must have been to have a man of Colonel Somerville's calibre at the head of their training school.

One thing which he has done has been to bring the Royal Military School of Music into close contact with the two Royal civilian schools; some of his students training as bandmasters attend and take part in weekly orchestral rehearsals at the Royal College of Music, so that they may learn the symphonic repertory, accompany concertos, and thereby become enfranchised members of a wider musical society. At the dinner the other night one student played a movement of Greig's piano concerto admirably to the accompaniment of the Kneller Hall Orchestra, and a little later in the evening the bandsmen, laying down their instruments, became a choir and sang part-songs.

This means that year by year these men are going out from Kneller Hall to their units with a practical equipment in music which not only fits them to train men in the playing of their instruments, but has given them ideas and ideals about the art. Their horizon is no longer bounded by slow and quick marches on parade, musical comedy selections and foxtrots during Mess. They will not play these things any the worse for knowing that there is something beyond them; they can realise that there are good tunes and bad tunes among musical comedies and foxtrots, just as there are amongst symphonies and concertos, and whatever type of music they may be required to play they are better able to pick out the best of the type. They are imbued with the idea that whether or not it can be said that their audiences want the best, their audiences will certainly take to the best if it is consistently put before them. There were some of them who seemed almost excessively anxious to court public criticism. "Why," they asked, "do the papers, especially the provincial papers, take so little notice of us, or when they do notice us, why do they flatter us by describing selections which we know were rottenly played as 'beautifully rendered'"? An excellent spirit this, and one not too common amongst concert-giving artists. Taken along with other things it indicates that the military bands may be classed with the competitive festivals as one of the big forces for muscial progress throughout the country. Those who are constantly crying out for subsidized music should realise that here is a largely-endowed musical force which can be utilised for the propagation of good music of its class and the elimination of what is merely vulgar or trivial. It deserves to be taken seriously.

The Commandant of Kneller Hall has one great advantage over his civilian colleagues, the heads of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music. He knows what he is training for; there is a certain definite employment awaiting his students. He has primarily to fit them for their job, while the civilian colleges have to equip their students to create a job for themselves. A merely competent officer would be content to turn out bandmasters of the regulation pattern. Colonel Somerville has had the vision to see that the bandmaster can enlarge his job if he is a musician of the right kind, and he has worked for this. He would be the last man to let it be supposed that his success has depended solely on his personal efforts. His director of music, Lieut. H. E. Adkins, and an excellent staff of instructors, have put his ideas into practice, and will no doubt be prepared to carry them further. Nevertheless, the fact remains that just as the commandant has got thoroughly into his stride and when he is at the age at which the best qualities of leadership are expected from civilians in similar positions, his time is up. It appears that circumstances over which no one has any control dictate his retirement. The civilian onlooker must not criticise what he does not understand. He merely murmurs to himself, "What a pity!"

A RICH MAN'S ADVICE.

A man once complained to Baron Rothschild that he could not get back a loan of £100 from a debtor. Being advised to sue, the unlucky creditor had to confess that he held no written acknowledgment of the debt. "Write to him," counselled the astute financier, "and tell him that you must have your £150 back at once." "But it was only £100." "Exactly. He will write back and tell you so, and then you will have your acknowledgment."

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BIG GAME SHOOTING IN INDIA.

EXTRACTS FROM A NOVICE'S DIARY.

(*Concluded from page 221*).

Sat down to wait for a short time. A herd of water buffalo arrived. Followed tiger's trail, driving the buffalo in front. Found more blood high up on grass and bushes. Presently lost trail altogether. After futile search, moved upstream for about three-quarters of a mile to the pools I had originally been making for. Found nothing. Returned along river bed to where last blood marks had been seen. Made another futile search. It was then about four or five p.m., and I was rather done, having been on the move since 5 a.m., and had eaten only one chupatti since breakfast at 4.30 a.m.

Returned to bungalow. No milk, eggs or chicken arrived. Drank water and ordered the bhisti to make me a chupatti.

About 6.15 p.m. took another buffalo out and tied it up.

Tuesday, 29th May.—Spent all day searching for wounded tiger, without success.

Wednesday, 30th May.—Another fruitless day's search. Sat up all night in machan over live buffalo calf, in hopes of a panther.

Thursday, 31st May.—Left machān at daybreak. Breakfasted meagrely and started for Lat. Examined water holes for signs of my tiger. No luck. Saw sambhar and barking deer. About half-way between Thānwai and Meral saw a bear making off about a hundred yards away. Was about to shoot when shikari excitedly beckoned. On going to him saw a solitary bison disappearing among the sāl-trees, about 150 yards off. Adjusted sights, knelt and fired. Reloaded and

H—— SITTING UP FOR TIGER "WHICH NEVER CAME."

ran after shikari, who had followed up. The bison had evidently been badly hit, and moved very slowly. Put in several more shots as I caught glimpses of him through the trees. At last got in two shoulder shots and felled him. He struggled to his feet, and I bowled him over again. Found him lying in a narrow ditch. After, I am afraid, repeated attempts, finished him off at a range of one yard with a contractile bullet in the heart. Total expenditure of ammunition 14 rounds .500 express, 4 revolver bullets, 1 contractile bullet.

The bison is a very old bull with a very good head, and much-worn horns. He was in the best of condition. Covered him with leaves, and continued on my way to Lāt, leaving shikari and coolies at Thānwai to arrange for skinning, etc.

The remaining fortnight or so we spent looking for bear and hoping for kills. The bear proved too elusive for us, for though we saw plenty of signs of their forages, and spent many a dawn sitting over water holes, we did not succeed in shooting one.

H——, indeed, unexpectedly encountered one when lying in wait for a peacock, and wounded it, but it escaped, and his shikari could not or would not track it.

H—— also had two more of his kills taken, but the tiger was evidently an old hand and did not return to them. H—— had one adventure with a tiger. Alone and following up the trail of a kill, which had been taken the night before and dragged a considerable distance, he suddenly heard a strange noise of great intensity. He could not tell where it originated, and so stopped in a little clearing. The noise swelled into a deep and ear-splitting roar, and a tiger jumped up 20 yards away and cantered slowly away among the trees. On investigating, H—— found that it had been lying beside the kill, which was partially covered with leaves. The tiger had evidently feasted late, and was about to hide the kill to preserve it for a second visit. He was, however, too "fly" a bird to return to it that night or the next, by which time the scavengers of the jungle had claimed the carcase as theirs by right of succession.

So, after some six weeks in the jungle, we returned to our regiment, the civilisation of a small military station, and iced drinks. We were the richer by a bison head a-piece, and a certain amount of jungle law, not to mention bodily fitness; and last, but not least, we had "bottled" in our brain-cells the germs of a few jungle tales, which will no doubt increase and multiply in the telling from year to year.

"WHEN LYING IN WAIT FOR A PEACOCK."

We look forward to the time when we will again hear the night sounds of the jungle, and, alone in our machans, feel again that fear of the dark which most of us knew as children; to the jungle dawns, when pea-fowl vie with jungle fowl in waking the forest; and to the indescribable exhilaration of a cold bath, after a long, hot morning's walking.

Next hot weather—perhaps.

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